

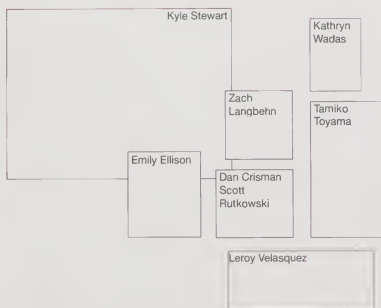
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FISTS IN THE AIR, sophomores James Burgwald and Nick Stoffregen along with Grant Felgenhauer, senior, cheer at Homecoming. "We painted ourselves in the parking lot," Nick said. "It was so cold that night, but we did it anyway."

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■ **BRANDED WITH LIPSTICK**, Ben Varnum, freshman, displays the senior homecoming markings.

■ **SPORTING HER LETTERMAN** jacket, Abby Homans, senior, signs a petition for Battle of the Bands.

■ **SAFE IN HER SWIM CAP**, Alex Frakes, sophomore, lets her competition know what school she is from.

cars **LOVE IT** family sports good grades froyo basketball cheering superfans costum

We **love** to love us. Yes, you read right. We love the **brand** of being those **smart, talented Munster brats**. We love the satisfaction of high SAT scores and **outstanding academics**, sports boasting **State Champs** in boys' swimming, wrestling and dance, and community changing **clubs** like Project X and National Honor Society. We love putting in the time and effort it takes to get there. **Neighbors** think easy street, but we say, "Think again." After all, how could we be the only **Four Star** high school in Lake County and still have time left over? In reality, **stressing** over the SATs piled on top of the hours studying for a Mr. Russell grammar test or a Mr. Graves' AP Chemistry exam take away from the **time** we have to spend with friends and family. We know that it takes **dedication**, hard work and heart. It takes **talent**. It takes Munster, so **love it**.

■ **A WIDE SMILE** on her face, Kim Hasse, senior, reports on the cheerleading season. "It was on our shoulders to get people pumped up," Kim said. "But it was always exciting to feel the energy of the fans." ■ **TIGHTLY GRASPING** the metal bar, Rachel Eldert, junior, works out in weight training. "I like working out because it keeps me in shape for strenuous pom practices," Rachel said. ■ **MAKING FUN** of old dance decorations, Matie Velasquez, sophomore, poses with a cut-out cardboard heart. "We found hearts from some other dance in the cheer room," Matie said. "We were just joking around with them." ■ **EMBRACED BY** her co-star, Alexandra Pavkovich, senior, and Roberto Rumbolo, sophomore, spoof a foreign soap opera for Mrs. Renee Kouris' Theater Arts Class. "Even though it was a short, one minute sketch, we received tons of laughs," Alexandra said.





PARKED IN THE MIDDLE of the Commons' floor, Kaitlin Bandura, senior, spends her lunch period outside of the Food Court. "I didn't like going to lunch," Kaitlin said. "It was fun to talk and actually hear what people were saying."

volunteering extra credit dances hanging

"I really enjoy the many sporting activities like basketball and soccer games. I think they are a great way to make friends and show school spirit, especially at soccer games."

Pete Brousalis, junior

"The best thing about this school is getting to see my friends everyday. It always makes school bearable."

Jenna Brakulis, sophomore

"The academics offer plenty of opportunities for those who want to excel in school by offering a wide variety of classes to chose from."

Joseph Marciniak, senior

"Anyone would feel welcome into this school. Being a freshman, I thought it would be a little intimidating; but all of the kids were extremely nice and helpful."

Leslie Poulos, freshman

"The students are so friendly and the teachers are helpful. I could go in before or after school and receive help from teachers or I could seek help from my peers."

Carl Milbrath, sophomore

"I like the atmosphere at school. Once you get passed the noon point in the school day, it is usually not so bad."

Alyssa Hruskocy, junior

"What I like best is the plethora of opportunities. Here you can be what you want to be."

Russell Gonzalez, sophomore

"All of the surrounding schools look at us as their rival. Everyone wants to beat Munster. The 'rich snobs' reputation doesn't help either."

Taylor Brian, sophomore

"Students from other towns and schools view us as rich and preppy even though not everyone is."

Tony Markovich, junior

"The academic competition here is a lot more fierce than a lot of the other schools in the area."

Liz Wible, senior

"The people—there are just too many. It is over crowded and that makes it hard to get places."

Matt Vlasich, freshman

"Munster High School is highly competitive. At any other school I could easily be valedictorian, but here I have to work so hard. Everyone is too academically competitive."

Jennifer McCreight, senior

"The pool parking lot is way too far away from the school and that's where I get my morning jog."

Nick Yi, sophomore

"Our school is too 'goody-goody'. Kids are not prepared for real life or the real world because their parents do everything for them."

John Meyers, junior

"Since it's a public school, you get a lot of exposure to different things. Kids will do anything to fit in."

Danny Alexander, sophomore



WITH THEIR STRAW HATS over their hearts, Andrew Bilse, senior, and Kevin Donahue, junior, silently observe the national anthem. Seniors organized themes for basketball games to unify the student section. "We had a lot of fun on redneck day during Homecoming, so we used that one for the Lake Central game," Andrew said.



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They **love to hate us**. They turn away, branding Munster as a town full of snobby, rich, **stuck up brats** who have everything handed to them on a silver platter. In reality, we hate the **label**. In their eyes we drive down **Columbia** in our brand spankin' new **Ford Mustangs** that Mommy and Daddy bought us *just because*. They don't realize that so many neighborhoods make up the community, beyond White Oak Estates. Besides fighting the Munster stereotype, we have **Indiana** and **da Region** to deal with as well. We hate the **hick** label, so we claim to live **near Chicago**, not Northwest Indiana. But no matter where we go, someone knows the image and to that person, we're still those **snotty kids** cruising through life while everything falls into our laps.



■ **AFTER FINISHING LUNCH**, sophomores Brandon Miller and Stephan Coric trade information about the day's events. "I like lunch because it gives me time to talk with friends," Brandon said. ■ **TO BEGIN STUDY HALL**, Mike Hiebasko, junior, stands to recite the pledge. "Saying the pledge is okay, but I think they made too big of a deal with the new rules," Mike said. State law mandated that students had to say the pledge daily. ■ **SLUMPED IN A DESK**, Adam Belkairous, sophomore, listens to a lecture. "I hate when teachers give lectures, especially on Mondays." ■ **WITH THEIR MINDS** elsewhere, seniors Jeff Marinier and Amanda Kilbarda listen to We the People presentations in the lecture hall. "They were good, but I was tired from long basketball practices and homework," Jeff said. All the practice paid off as the We the People team finished as the Central Region Champs at nationals in Washington, DC April 26.



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MUNSTER HIGH SCHOOL



WARM WEATHER and sun rays beaming down, students stroll to the first outdoor Homecoming pep rally since 2003. "[The pep rally] gave us a break from school," Marissa Marshal, junior, said. "It was nice because it was a breath of fresh air."

"Munster opened my eyes to show me that everyone relies on what everyone else thinks; also that people value material things. I mean, look at our parking lot. It's full of Audis, BMWs and Benz's."

Sonja Vasic, junior

"I was born in Munster and have lived here all my life. Basically I am Munster."

Ed Gier, sophomore

"I've lived in Munster my entire life and I think that it's made me a very opinionated person because I've never been able to meet people outside of this small society."

Adam Bobeck, freshman

"We are strongly encouraged to achieve in everything we do. It affects me because I have a desire to achieve."

Joel Schneider, junior

commons

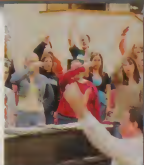
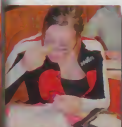
LIVE IT

homework pep sessions friendships bonding spirit contact

*We pledge allegiance to the brand
Of the School Town of Munster
And to the label for which it stands
One student body, obsessed with our grades
With body paint and spirited chants for all.*

Love it or hate it, we live with this brand day in and day out. It's a **permanent mark** of our on-going identity crisis. It's the never-ending challenge of breaking away from all the stereotypes and becoming individuals. **Who we are, what we do, and where we live** are things that they can't take away from us. No one can change the real Munster. No Dunkin Donuts will take away FroYo, and no person can take away the superfans' chants of **'This is our house!'** Those who don't know us may think a lot of things, but they think wrong. Only we know. **Love it or hate it, we are Munster. No apologies, okay?**

■ **HABITS HELP** her concentrate as Rachel Heinrich finishes an assignment. "I fit in here and get along with everybody." ■ **HITTING NOTES** in choir class Molly Yohment acts out the song. "I've been in choir all three years and I like Doc." ■ **WHILE TAKING** part in Snow Flurry, Matt Jones, junior, helps elementary students. "I like to teach them the right ways and have fun with them." ■ **IN ANATOMY CLASS**, Berlyn Boswell applies blue mascara because black irritates her eyes. "I wake up too late to put make up on before I leave my house."

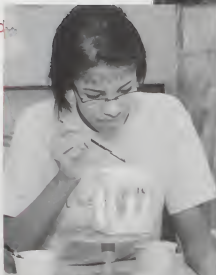


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■ **WITH EVEN BRUSH STROKES.** Rizzie Fisher, freshman, glazes her pinch pot in ceramics. "Ilissa Gershman said she was going to lipstick me," Rizzie said.

■ **BARREL OF MONKEYS** in hand seniors Liz Wilbe, and Aleka Stefanopoulos enjoy the Christmas spirit. "This school has made me somewhat of an open person," Liz said.

■ **LETTERS EMBLAZONED** on their chests, seniors Aric Van Weelden and Jeff Mariner boisterously let loose. "Going to games and being a superfan was a fun," Aric said.



"I like the diversity of the different kinds of kids here. There's a big variety."

Danny Alexander,
sophomore





quirky proud confident

WHO WE ARE

reserved thunderous enthusiastic

This is **who we are**. Surrounded by the girl begging for extra credit, the boy constantly cracking **jokes**, or the silent kid who blends in with the **crowd**, we struggle to maintain our individuality. Although we are different, we are **united** by a common factor—Munster High School. In the grand scheme of things, 2,100 **minutes** doesn't seem like much; but each second we spend in school **affects** us in some way. However, it's how we act outside of school that makes us who we are. When we **work** long shifts folding clothes at Southlake Mall, we still **make time** to buy the perfect **gift** for our best friend. We **dress** in all black for basketball Sectionals and still **concentrate** on the lecture about Abraham Lincoln. It's when we still manage to **cram** in a couple hours of mind mapping before a religious holiday. We come from **different** backgrounds and **cultures**, yet still respect each other's **beliefs**. All of these elements come together to form our still developing **identities**. Because it's Munster, it's **who we are**.

"There is a diverse student body; no matter what your personality is there's someone with similar interests."

Jake Smith,
sophomore

"I think that by living in Munster it makes you live in somewhat of a sheltered bubble. Although there are some good and bad aspects to that, I think we should be grateful because our town provides us with a lot of things other cities can't boast about."

Desiree Cossyleon
junior

"The people make this school for me... my friends and the teachers, the relationships I've formed and seeing those people daily. It's something I'll miss when I'm in college."

Kim Hasse,
senior

EMBRACING AFTER BEING PIED

Alex Angelich, junior, gives Mrs. Beth Vesa, algebra teacher, a reason to enjoy pi. "It was exciting being able to pie Vesa in the face," Alex said. "I've known her for a long time, and if you know her personality, you know it was ok."

Up, up, and Away

Sweeping a **golden** brown curl from her face,

Casey Webb, senior, **waltzed** into Mrs. Nancy

Hastings' journalism classroom. In her arms Casey

cradled a bouquet of gold and white **flowers**.

"My mom and dad sent a bouquet of flowers to me at school when I turned 18 on Jan. 18. It was my golden birthday," Casey said. "I was really confused when they called me down to the front desk. I was shocked when the secretary handed me the golden bouquet."

Despite high school's pressures and busy schedules, students went the extra mile to break the monotony of a normal school week and added brightness to get through dreary days.

With spirit on high alert and school pride more contagious than the flu, Student Government organized a second pep rally in January to support the Boys' Varsity Basketball Team.

"It was a big basketball game because we played our rivals, Highland, for the Conference title," Student Body Vice President Jeff Mariner, senior, said. "We wanted to encourage fan support, and it worked. The superfans came to the game dressed in black to black out Highland and cheer on the team."

Spirit wasn't just defined as red and white the whole year. Mr. John Huber's 4th hour U.S. History class worked together and collected 1,620 cans of food

to donate to Student Government's annual food drive in November.

"It was evidence that when a small group of people decide to make a difference they will," Mr. Huber said.

According to Cameron Selent, junior, the students respected Mr. Huber and wanted to help a good cause. Being awarded a class pizza party also worked to motivate the juniors.

"Teamwork definitely made the dream work," Cameron said.

Stretching beyond their imagination, students used creative costumes and accessories to display their spirit.

"I wore a Peter Pan costume to school on Halloween," Amanda Scott, sophomore, said. "It was just fun being something different for a day."

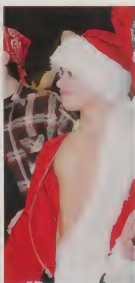
Whether it was wearing a pirate costume to school for Halloween or an understated Christmas pin, students celebrated holidays in many different ways.

"The flowers were pretty, but that wasn't the reason I was so touched," Casey said of her golden bouquet. "It was the thoughtfulness behind them. My parents took time out of their busy day to make my birthday special."



Wrapped in Spirit

Dressed in overalls, Andrew Blise, senior, imitates a hic for senior red-neck day. **With Halloween** around the corner, Ryan Gott, junior, shops for a costume at Krazy Kaplans in Hammond. **Cheering** on the boys' basketball team, Leroy Velasquez, junior, wears a Santa suit at the Lake Central game. "A lot of my good friends are on the team, and it was Christmas time; the season to be jolly," Leroy said.





Balloon Birthday

Before going to participate in the Homecoming pep rally, Rose McKenon, junior, embraces Libbie Thompson, senior, and wishes her a happy 18th birthday. "It's important to celebrate birthdays at school because it shows how much your friends care about you," Rose said.

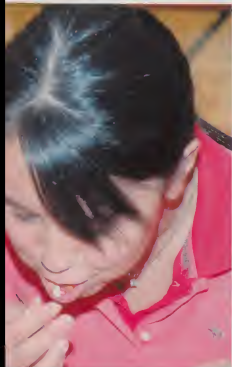


Rough Rebound

Quickly running down to the end of the court, Mihir Patel, junior, tries to block Mr. Robin Tobias, English teacher's, rebound. Students and teachers played each other in the student faculty basketball game at the winter pep rally. "It was fun because of the rivalry between teachers and students," Mihir said. "We both wanted to beat each other."

Adding it up

With a calculator in hand, Sarah Roque, freshman, sits in Mrs. Katie Harris' Algebra 1 classroom on Homecoming. Sarah was lipsticked by three different seniors throughout the day. "I felt like the lipstick marks were just a part of Homecoming," Sarah said. "It has to happen."



Sox World champs

Sporting his World Series Champions shirt, Sox fan Andrew Kliminski, sophomore, supports his favorite Chicago baseball team. "The best moment was when the Sox actually swept the series," Andrew said. "They won the first four games against the Houston Astros."

Too many twinkies

Full of giggles, Nora Kish, sophomore, finishes the twinkie eating contest. She devoured four whole twinkies at the winter pep rally.

What a Week

Just walking through the **halls**, anyone could tell these were no **ordinary** days. Army commanders and privates saluted throughout the **Commons**, while **rednecks** blackened their **teeth** for Homecoming.

We got spirit

A group of senior boys put on their spandex leotards and colored tights the Thursday morning during Spirit Week to celebrate 80s Work-Out Day.

Even before the first bell rang, the sounds of 80s pop pervaded the Commons, signaling the beginning of a before-school work out routine. Although only the seniors sweat to the beat, the other grades watched with amusement.

"The seniors were hilarious. The 80s Work-Out Day, I'll never forget," Chelsea Reed, freshman, said. "It really made me appreciate the school because even with the classes going against each other, they all came together to show school spirit."

As with most Spirit Weeks, everyday featured a different theme.

"The spirit days early in the week were fun," Jeff Mariner, senior, said. "But they lead up to Thursday and Friday when everybody went all out."

Lighten the load

Some students saw a change with school-work and tests during the week's festivities as well. A decrease in homework and a more lax attitude on school rules enhanced to the atmosphere, according to Jeff Chou, junior.

"My favorite part of homecoming was no homework," Jeff said. "It was good to have a break from massive amounts of homework."

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Sink or float

Sporting the primary colors on their piranha, sophomores warn the Red Devils to "Swim at their own risk." The sophomore float stole second place. Taking third place honor, the Junior Class jaguar "Make 'em see spots." **For the third consecutive year**, the Senior Class float took the first place as the Lowell Red Devil realizes he just "Can't fight the bite."



Locked in

Playfully wrestling on the ground, Brad Snedden, senior, takes down Steve Luptak, junior, after the tug of war contest. "[Seniors] had just lost in tug of war against the juniors," Brad said. "I got him in a headlock and took him to the floor." Although juniors won the tug of war contest between the classes, the North building teacher beat the students.

Top 5 Homecoming Moments

"Throughout the week seeing how crazy people got. It was fun to get carried away and see people getting along and goofing off."

Nick Stoffregen,
sophomore

"The pep rally because it entertains me how the grades bond together and battle each other verbally."

Elena Falloon,
junior

"The dance, going out to eat, the limo ride; it's just an excuse to hang out with your friends. The dance itself was not the best part, but what you did afterwards."

Dan Lodge,
senior

"The tug of war with the teachers vs. teachers because Miss Bulla got dragged along the ground, but she was clearly carrying the team. It was hilarious."

Molly White,
sophomore

"I thought it was fun when the seniors wrote all over my face and arms because it was fun being involved in a tradition that goes along with Homecoming."

Megan Stacy,
freshman



Fold and fluff

Meticulously building, sophomores Tabitha Strong and Kathryn Hellen help construct the sophomore float. "My favorite part of float building was the atmosphere," Kathryn said.

Senior salute

Along with a mass of other seniors, Meghan Guthrie chants on the senior spirit truck. "I went on the spirit truck for fun to be with my friends," Meghan said.

Courting the seniors



senior Andrea Coulis
with escort Tim Lukoshus



senior Lauren Gaskey
with escort Eric Van Weelden



senior Monica Manoski
with escort Thomas Paliga



senior Tamiko Toyama
with escort Mike McNicholas



senior Molly Yothment
with escort Ryan Apking



Face to Face

Whether it was consuming mass amounts of dessert or spending hours folding tissue paper, students demonstrated their Homecoming spirit in a variety of ways.

"My favorite part of float building was the whole atmosphere. I liked being around my friends, supporting the school, and having fun doing it."

Kathryn Helfen,
sophomore



Shobha Pai, senior



seniors' 80s Work-Out Day



What **Week**

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Pep it up

Despite the extra work, students still found ways to support the football team. After rain forced the pep rally indoors for the past two years, some students welcomed the change of scenery. On Homecoming Friday a cloudless sky and flawless weather enticed students for the outdoor pep rally.

"The weather this year was perfect," Lauren Hudak, junior, said. "It was really nice to be able to spend the pep rally outside. No one wants to be cooped up. Plus, most students didn't know what it was like to have the pep rally outside."

However, some students still thought an indoor pep rally provided a better environment for school spirit.

"The pep rally was a lot better inside because everyone was a lot closer to each other with action in the middle," Billy Stuart, senior, said.

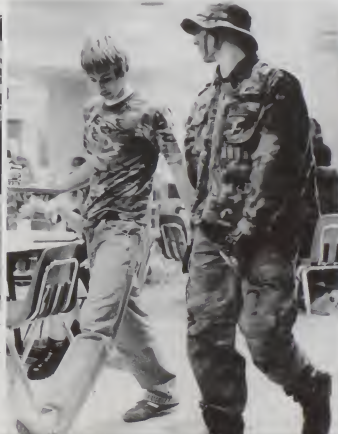
For the moment

Still in shock after hearing her name announced as Homecoming Queen, Kim Hasse allows Ms. Sarah Szarmach, Student Government sponsor, to put on the queen's sash. "It was in shock," Kim said. "It didn't even really hit me until after I got off the field."



Taylor Della Rocco, junior

Mitch Farnsley, junior



Davin Johnson, junior

Stand and deliver

Chatting with friends during Contact Time, Rachel Heinrich, senior, and Rimi Ibrahim, junior, listen intently as fellow friends describe a story. "Honesty in friendships is the best thing," Rimi said. "While I do trust my friends in school, I trust my friends out of school more. Only because I've known them longer."

Through their Eyes

"I don't like stereotyping or prejudging people, I either like you or I don't. What you look like doesn't make me judge your character."

Andy Bookwood,
junior

Preps

"The 'like oh my gosh I broke a nail' kind of group."

Stephanie Gorman,
sophomore

"Kids who only wear Abercrombie and Hollister and only name brand clothing. They always wear expensive clothing and their collars are always popped."

Eunice Ntiamoah,
junior

Jocks

"Boys in letterman's jackets, cracking lame jokes and exploding in unnecessary laughter."

Brooke Kozlowski,
senior

"So many people are involved in sports. Every day it's a different uniform or different team shirt, you start to associate people by what team their on."

Mallory McShane,
sophomore

Theater Kids

"Obsessed with high school drama, and likely to break out into song at any given moment."

Molly White,
sophomore



Study buddies

While freshmen Federico Olasebikan, Matt Nelson and Mark Dye study for Algebra, their friendships are tested when helping each other with different types of problems. "It's always easier to learn when friends help you," Mark said. "It makes school a lot easier when they're there to support you."

Take a look

Intensely watching a video before a speech meet, seniors Alexandra Pavkovich and Molly White look at Mark Blane's i-Pod, and take time out from their busy schedule. "Usually people from other teams don't associate with each other," Molly said. "We have been friends for a long time. It's always nice to see them on the weekends."



Stand by me

Shared **memories**, encouragement, support and advice provide the essence of **friendships**, yet peers' **judgement** bring an extra "branding" baggage turning friendships **bittersweet**.

"My friends gave me advice and supported me; but being with them, people stereotyped me as a 'prep,'" Stephanie Ruiz, freshman, said. "In real life I was far from being a 'prep' because I had friends from everywhere."

In every hallway diversity confronted students, bringing or separating them into different stereotypes whether it be prep, punk, or emo.

"First impressions have a big influence on stereotypes," Mr. Jack King, Assistant Dean, said. "If a student looks like a gang-banger, or if they have lots of piercings, people will view them one way or another. A lot of kids stereotype without ever knowing the person."

Personal views helped form cliques which varied from table to table, as diverse backgrounds created groups.

"My friends and I have all changed over the years," Stephanie Pullido, senior, said. "Yet through all four years we had all been stereotyped; they (others) thought things of us that weren't true."

Truth of the matter, friends brought with them an extra label, causing some type of effect on friendships.

"All the cliques you got into all had

Every minute counts

Debate Team members and friends, Arefin Chowdhury and Tim Yee, sophomores, prepare for an upcoming foreign policy debate. "They [friends] effect the decisions we make," Arefin said. "It all depends on who you surround your self with."

an effort. If a student wasn't very strong, it was easy for them to be manipulated," Mr. Hal Coppage, history and government teacher, said. "It was easy for students to do things they wouldn't usually do, to not be the odd one out."

Peer pressures caused students to act differently in out-of-the-ordinary occasions. "My friends helped me out and got me through the school day," Erick Ferrer, freshman, said. "When we had classes together we always talked and got into trouble together."

Though high school peers' judgment can be a harsh reality check, most believed it's wrong.

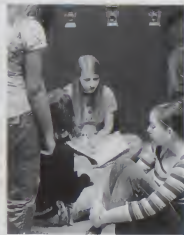
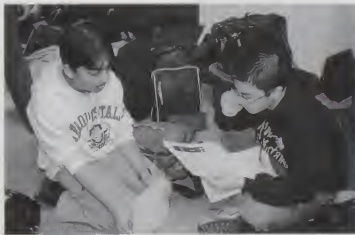
"When I was in the halls I always overheard people calling me things such as 'freak' and 'Goth,'" Kristy Smith, junior, said. "I just ignored them because, frankly, I didn't really care."

Groups bonded together, producing different types of branding all together.

"Groups of people who cared about the same common interests, banded together and supported each other," Mr. Coppage said. "There is nothing wrong with a clique as long as they are there for support and real friendship."

Morning crunch

Nestled in the hallway with a group of friends, sophomores Julianne Watterson and Sarah Johnson study notes before school. "Your going to remember your friendships," Julianne said, "the good and the bad aspects of them."



in good Company

From **significant other** or **relative** to
closest inner circle, **friends** help through **good**
times and bad, thick and thin.

"They helped me with everything. They were people I could talk to about anything, and I knew that they would've kept it to themselves," Angela Hehn, sophomore, said. "I could've been feeling really bad and they wouldn't even have to ask, they just understood."

However, people had different feelings towards friendships, especially in high school. The difference between the inner circle and the outer circle was sometimes monumental, according to junior Chan Huyhn.

"The friends that were apart of your inner circle were always there when you needed them," Chan said. "But the friends in the outer circle; they might have been there, but they didn't understand the whole situation."

Whether friends knew the situation or not, they counted on each other for support. Often boyfriends and girlfriends provided needed support.

Relationships took patience and time, a burden which some couldn't deal with. However, according to senior Pat Higgins, relationships took part in ev-

eryone's schedule.

"It wasn't a burden, it's just that I had to make time," Pat said. "Sometimes I procrastinated with other things."

Others felt that having a relationship became a natural part of friendship.

"It was something I always had time for. I considered her one of my best friends. There was always extra time in school or on the weekends," Rich Meyers, junior, said. "It made time for itself."

On the other end of the spectrum, other students found that their relatives were just as close as any friend. Sometimes, the unavoidable bond between blood relations was not always a negative thing, according to Angela Hehn.

"I included my mom in my inner circle of friends," Angela said. "I definitely looked to my mom as a friend. She made me laugh all the time."

Whether friends included relationships, parents, or school companions, close friends helped to lighten the daily grind.

All in one moment

With cameras in hand and caught in the excitement of Homecoming, junior Kaylin Kish embraces her friend after a night of dancing in the crowded Commons. More than 493 people crowded the dance floor.





Picture perfect

Savoring the final minutes of the Homecoming dance, juniors Elena Falloon and Rachel El-

dert get together with Elena's date, Zach Goldack from Lalumiere, to take a quick picture.

paint the town Red

Everyone knows that boys and girls like different things from the music they buy to their weekend activities. According to a March 11 survey, figures showed just how different they really were.

"[Activities] brought us closer and we had a very good time with memorable moments. Also when we went places, we may have met new people and developed new relationships."

Michael Wey,
sophomore

Girls

30% movies
18% shop
16% hang out
12% sleep over
7% road trips

The girls surveyed

Boys

34% play sports
19% movies
14% video games
13% hang out
5% road trips

The boys surveyed

"My friends and I are very busy, so we get a chance to actually talk and just be our weird selves."

Courtney Hoyle,
freshman



Couple Up

In the security of each other's presence, Micaela Ossanna, freshman, and Brian Murphy, sophomore, snuggle up in the hallway. "We're going out but we are best friends," Micaela said. **Caught by surprise** Maureen Shields, junior, receives roses along with an invitation to the Homecoming dance from Jeff Heintz. **Relaxed by the side** of her Homecoming escort and boyfriend Ryan Apking, Homecoming Court member Molly Yothment, senior, waits for the parade's start

Lean on me

Strolling through the halls during passing period, sophomore Nicole Pakan, helps fellow soph-

omore Anna Pycinska, with her books while she struggles on crutches to get to her next class.

In the Works

Tossing a **government** text book in her car,
Dayanna Alvarado, senior, **speeds** off to a baby sitting job.

From the **right** lane, Andy Stevens, senior,
turns onto 45th Ave. and drives into **Auto Zone**,
working for **money** to support his racing cars hobby.
Despite the idea that students were **handed** everything,
47 percent of high **schoolers** surveyed held a **job**
to pay for **clothing**, mobile phones, and **dance** tickets.
From volunteer jobs to working as a **lifeguard** at the pool,
students played an **integral** part in the community
and **saved** up some cash.



Drive to Work

Opening his car, Andy Stevens, senior, rushes to work. Andy worked at Auto Zone in Highland everyday after school for insurance and gas money. "I worked to have money to fix up my car" Andy said. "I added the turbo system to it for racing." In the North parking lot, Casey Webb, senior, steps into her car and leaves school. Casey's parents paid for her insurance and gas. "I did not have a job," Casey said. "I just enjoyed being a high school student."

40%
of boys use their own
money to pay for car,
insurance and gas

27%
of girls use their own
money to pay for car,
insurance and gas

145 students
surveyed April 11

Top 8 worst jobs

- table cleaner at McDonald's
Nithin Krishnan, freshman
- person who dresses as Santa
Beth Flahaven, freshman
- toll booth operator
Tim Lukoshus, senior
- player for the Cubs
Michael Curran, junior
- greeter at Meijer
Daniel Spungen, senior
- chemistry teacher
Sam Dempsey, sophomore
- cart pusher at Jewel
Krystina Liput, junior
- worker at a morgue
Mitch Hanak, freshman

360 students
surveyed April 11

Stack it up

To save up some money, Jacob Turnbull, junior, worked as a page at the town library. "It was a pretty good job," Jacob said. "It wasn't hard and I got all of the school holidays off too."



Puppy Love

Playing with a nibbling puppy, Keri Ann Ballanco, sophomore, volunteers at the Humane Society. "I liked when the dogs were adopted by good families," Keri Ann said. "You knew that they were going to have a good life." Along with 43 percent of the students, Keri Ann didn't have a job, but she volunteered her time to good causes.



Double duty

With the cash drawer open, Dayanna Alvarado, senior, looks for the day's receipts at Walgreens. Dayanna worked two jobs to pay for clothes and her cell phone bill. "I liked baby sitting better because I got to interact with the kids," Dayanna said. "I liked teaching the three year old new things." Dayanna baby sat for the Arnolds twice a week for two hours after school.

Hitting pay dirt

Baby sitter	\$7
Lawn mower	\$10
McDonalds server	\$5.30
Pool lifeguard	\$8
HYPE dance (DJ service)	\$55

rates per hour



Expenses

Out of pocket

- To stay looking stylish, **47%** of freshmen spent their money on polos and jeans.
- With leftover ticket stubs, **42%** of sophomores spent their dollars at Showplace.
- Stepping on the gas pedal, **31%** of juniors worked long hours to maintain their cars.
- In the music scene, **29%** of seniors bought iPods and CDs with their cash.

360 students
surveyed April 11

Loud and clear

In the library, Scott Goodwin, senior, listens to his iPod. "I saved spare change for three months to buy it," Scott said. "But I don't know what I would do without my iPod."



Top 5 ways to de-stress

"To de-stress, I go to karate class. We do forms, which are very calming."
Catie Lee,
junior

"I like to read books that are not related to school. I read to get my mind off of school."
Grant Huebner,
sophomore

"I dance. When I'm dancing, I don't have to worry. It clears my mind."
Amanda Porter,
freshman

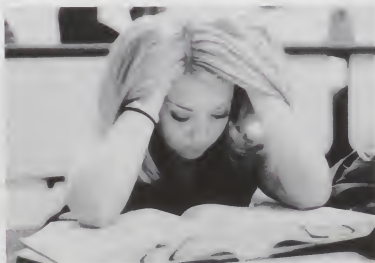
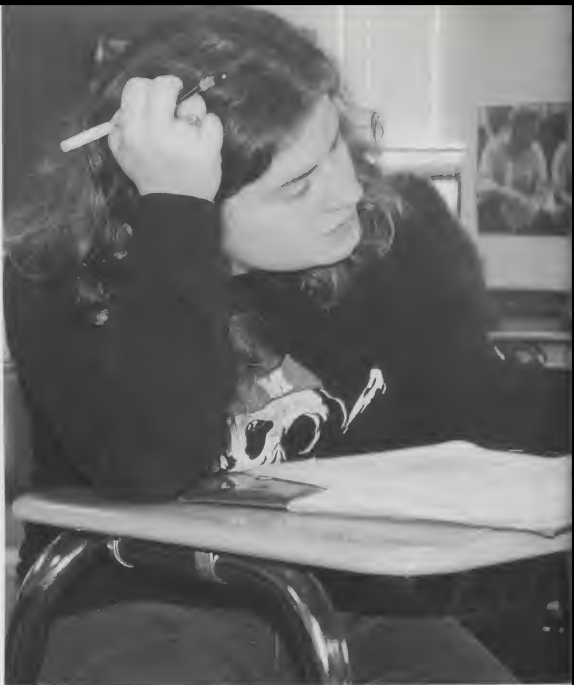
"I run long distances outside to relieve stress and reflect."
Carmello Gonzalez,
senior

"I work in the garden, play with my cats, and redecorate to take my mind off work."
Mrs. Renee Kouris,
English teacher



In full swing

With the soothing back and forth motion, Paulina Kozupa, sophomore, swings at Community Park. "I just forgot about my problems," Paulina said. "It was so relaxing. I saw the sky and it's so vast I just forgot about school and tests and pressure from my parents."



Hang by a hair

Pulling her hair, Taylor Della Rocco, junior, uses classtime to catch up on studying for AP Biology. "I was going to fail the test because I didn't study at all," Taylor said. "I had so much to do between studying and softball. I wouldn't consider myself stressed, though, because I was so used to it."

It's in the bag

Perched at her locker, Erin Cummings, junior, mentally recalls her classes and what she needs. "My stress was that I could only go to my locker once a day," Erin said. "I worried about being late because I could only drop off books, not pick up any. I had to carry a really heavy backpack to keep my books with me."



Speak off the cuff

To overcome her anxiety, Morgan Midkiff, freshman, practices for her Inherit the Wind project in Honors English 9. "Public speaking got me really nervous," Morgan said. "But we had so many practices that I knew what I was saying."

High Tension

Stress kicked in early for Ashley Taylor, senior, when her alarm clock **buzzed** each morning at 5:45 a.m. From **dawn** until late night hours, teens **battled** stress.

"I wake up expecting to be stressed because of my busy schedule," she said.

If every train didn't stop her from getting to school on time, then her little brother pleaded for a ride to his friend's house. At the end of classes, she rushed home to recover from the days' events and prepare for the upcoming battles.

"After school, I tried to take a quick 30-minute nap before I went to work," Ashley said. "From 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. I taught gymnastics to little kids. I loved them, but if they were in a bad mood, then they put you in a bad mood, too."

Bad mood or good, after work Ashley finished her night with at least an hour and a half of homework each day.

With distractions from friends and demands from family, stress became part of students' daily schedules, according to Sarah Mihich, sophomore.

Cram session

Quickly last minute cramming for a German vocabulary test, Kirsten Bularzik, senior, stresses over the upcoming quiz. "Even though it was my senior year, I wanted to say I tried my hardest," Kirsten said. "With honors classes, you're often stressed."

"I got stress from school activities," Sarah said. "I got so overwhelmed."

To relieve this tension students relaxation outlets.

"I just watched some television," Akash Rusia, junior, said. "It was fun and mindless; but at the same time, relaxing. After all, as students we needed some break from all the intense work."

Though some students thought doing nothing proved a pleasant change to their hectic schedules, others chose more active ways to relieve stress.

"If I felt stressed I liked to go for a walk with my dog," Ben Varnum, freshman, said. "I just looked around and didn't worry about my problems."

Even if they faced a heavy homework load, students chose the activity that suited them best to alleviate the tension felt on a day-to-day basis.

After climbing into bed, Ashley turned off her lights and as soon as her head hit the pillow, deep slumber took over.

"During the day, stress could be overwhelming," Ashley said. "But I could fall asleep almost anytime."

Stop, look and listen

Music pounding in his ears, Matt Shreve, freshman, multitasks by reading and listening to music during his study hall. "Music relaxed me," Matt said. "It helped me get away from school."



Pushing past Traditions

One **moment** of attempting to understand another culture could provide a lifetime of **experience**.

Traditional **customs** and **beliefs** of different students brought connections through **diversity**.

Traditional Beliefs

"Being Serbian gave me the opportunity to understand other cultures," Kristina Kovacevich, senior, said. "I had a colorful background, that was very traditional, and that made me respect other cultures."

Part of traditional Serbian culture included folkloric dances, but religion proved to be a distinct factor in the customs, according to Nick Vasich, senior.

"Going to church every Sunday was a big part of our culture," Nick said. "It meant I participated in Serbian events, and knew the history of my ethnicity."

Fighting for family

Rallies held from Washington, DC to the corner of Ridge and Calumet protested passage of HR4437 bill, which threatened immigration and values important to Hispanic culture.

Two step

During Venezuelan Day sophomore Nick Strofregen participates in a traditional dance. "It is important to know about backgrounds," Nick said. "So you can better appreciate your roots."

"We showed our pride by protesting the bill," Anaelica Garcia, junior, said. "It showed how united we were."

Pride for the culture and commu-

nity extended to religious beliefs. From birth, many Hispanics are raised as Catholics starting with a baptismal, according to Anaelica.

"It didn't matter where they came from or if they knew each other," Raul Ferrer, junior, said. "They proved they were united through it all."

Committed to memory

Born in Nigeria, Onanasan Gbagi, junior, retained pride in her culture, which is based on family values.

"I saw things in two different lights," Onanasan said. "I compared what would I do here, to what I would do in Africa."

After accepting the changes made in her life, Onanasan, remembered her culture through her mother.

"I love it, and I miss it," Onanasan said.

"My mother is a reminder. She never let us forget. Our life was guided by her view points. She always helped put things into perspective of where we came from."

Culture couture

Displaying her religion through her culture, Mara Maddocks, junior, expresses her form of beliefs. "Religion sets a lot of morals," Mara said. "Each moral sets an example of what to follow."





Statuesque

Performing her traditional Kathak, a Hindu dance, at Battle, Rohini Chatterjee, senior, connects with the crowd. "[Culture] keeps me in perspective," Rohini said. "Traditions shape who I am. It allows me to never lose sight."

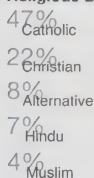
Hold one's own

Upbeat tempos and fast paced movements encompass an Irish reel performed at Battle by sophomores Kaitlin Anderson and Laura Beth McLaughlin. "I like being able to share my heritage," Kaitlin said. "I show it through dancing, which is a great talent that is fascinating"

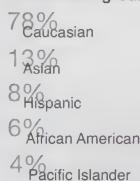


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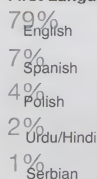
Religious Beliefs



Ethnic Background



First Language



100 students surveyed
April 20



Believe in It

Strumming her guitar. Emily Lyness, junior, leads a group of fellow Christians in the national day of prayer. "It's hard to go through the day with out something to believe in," Emily said. **Joined by friends** at Westminster, Erol Gobrin, junior, takes advantage of open mic night. "It's nice because you get to meet people from other schools," Erol said. **Gathered around the flagpole**, seniors Christine Barnes, and Katie Hamilton share a moment of prayer at Meet Me at the Pole.

Changes to
20-year Battle
tradition mix in
sweet harmony as
talent show
juggles for stage
time with bands



David Linnear, senior, on the keyboard for the Band Formally Known as Chen

Behind the show

"We added the talent portion to raise more money. We wanted to pull more people in."

Ms. Sarah Szarmach,
Student Government sponsor
raised for Riley's
Children's Hospital
donated to Auditorium staff
security costs
judges
tickets sold

STRIKING A CORD

PACKED INTO THE AUDITORIUM at 6 p.m., cell phones lit the room as "Black Betty" played and 612 students, parents and faculty members experienced the old tradition of Battle of the Bands with a twist. After 20 years of Battle, a new talent portion allowed contestants to express their form of "talent" through music and dance.

"It was nice to have a different variety," Taylor Lee, freshman, said. "They should keep the talent portion because it gave people a chance to show their skills."

As the talent portion opened the night, the crowd seemed to ease into the changes as senior Rohini Chatterjee broke the ice by performing an Indian dance.

Talent through dancing became apparent with three other dance acts from an Irish reel to modern jazz and a Michael Jackson rendition.

As the crowd warmed up to the changes, anticipation built for the upcoming performances.

"I was so nervous because I remembered buying the tickets," junior Bridget Parker, drummer for Arcadia, said. "When I saw the ticket it said 300 and it made me nervous because I knew there was going to be at least 300 people there."

While some of the bands had experience and played together for years, Arcadia and the Detours gave the crowd a look at fresh faces, according to Bridget.

"We felt pretty comfortable on stage," freshman Dan Meyers, vocalist for Detours, said. "The crowd was pretty into it; they made us feel welcome."

Seated close to the stage, a row of freshmen formed a wave, while soon after Providence dedicated their last song to the Senior Class and the future ahead.

"It was a really cool experience when all the seniors got up," senior Steve Alspach, vocalist for Providence, said. "It was our last gig so it was a really good thing that we connected with them on that level."

The connection between crowd and band began before Battle, as some groups created T-shirts to get the crowd more involved with the bands, according to junior David GoShay, bass player for Who's Next.

"When they are into your performance it gives you a boost," David said. "It makes you play better, and makes you feel better about what you're playing."

No matter how nervous each band felt, they pulled through, allowing the audience to feel the vibe of the music and experience the many talents portrayed.

"I knew we won it with our last song 'Black Betty,'" junior Mike Cummins, lead guitar for Who's Next, said. "Everyone was standing up and singing along with us; that's when we had it."

New steps towards Battle proved to be a pioneering task, but as the number of spectators tripled from that of last year, the crowd confirmed they were not afraid of making changes to an old tradition.

Stroke of nerves

Seconds before he went on stage, senior Steve Alspach, vocalist for Providence, felt the nervousness. "Anxiety doesn't hit until one minute before you go on stage," Steve said. "Once you're on [stage] everything is fine."





Crowd appeal

Taking the lead Matt Sacklet, freshman, sings the crowd-pleasing "Twist-and-Shout."

"Having a big crowd while on an actual stage instead of just on regular ground, it was a great experience," Matt said.

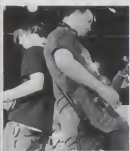


Sweet serenade

Happy to perform for the first time publicly, junior Chan Huynh, vocalist for Arcadia, opened the night of competition. "It was a great experience," Chan said. "I had fun being able to play music and to listen to all the great music."

Smooth moves

Ready to shine with his "Smooth Criminal" performance, junior Leroy Velasquez stepped up his dancing talents. "Everyone expected the talent show to be lame and boring," Leroy said. "We just wanted to prove everyone wrong."



Who's Next

Mike Cummins-lead guitar



David Goshey-bass
Tony Jurkash-lead vocals

Winner's Circle

Who's Next

Tony Jurkash-vocals
Mike Cummins-lead guitar
David GoShay-bass
Dan Johnson-drums
Mack Stockdale-guitar

Providence

Steve Alspach-vocals/guitar
Bryan Pagorek-drums
Brian Sherman-bass
Matt Donnowitz-guitar

Under the weather

After **hours** of applying sticky hairspray and **makeup**, Erin Goodman, junior, put on the final **touches** to meet up with her homecoming **date** Pat DeRolf, junior.

When the couple arrived at the dance and approached the picture line they were asked, not to pose and smile, but to leave and come back later.

"When we got to the dance, the line for pictures was completely full and they told us we had to wait until 9 p.m.," Erin said. "After two hours of dancing and waiting for the picture, we were all sweaty from the crowded dance."

Other students felt the heat, but senior Matt Donnowitz, didn't mind.

"The dance was definitely hot from all the people," Matt said. "But when it came down to it, the more the merrier."

After selling over 200 more tickets than last year, Student Government realized that the Commons wasn't large enough to fit the increasing amount of attendees.

"We had over 800 people in one room," Student Government adviser Miss Sarah Szarmach, U.S. History teacher, said. "Though the Commons is large, it simply didn't accommodate the size."

After long picture lines, sweat stained attire, and hundreds of up do's unraveled by the stifling heat, Erin and Pat left the dance without being photographed.

"The dance was still a lot of fun and I wouldn't really say not getting pictures was that big of a disappointment," Erin said. "It was just sort of annoying that

we couldn't get them taken when we wanted to because it was so packed."

WITH A QUICK LIFT, Megan McKecknie, sophomore, went up in a full build. Tightly grasping a poster board, Megan, raised the sign high above her head. In bold, red letters, it read, "Will you go to Turnabout with me?"

Like many girls in December, Megan had been consumed by thoughts of creative ways to ask her boyfriend, Chris Bakker, senior, to Turnabout.

"My boyfriend was a big basketball fan and went to all the games," Megan said. "Asking him while in a cheerleading mount fit his personality the best."

Unlike Homecoming or Prom when girls usually waited to be asked, Turnabout provided a chance for them to take the upper hand. The reversal of asking a boy was nerve racking and felt unnatural, according to Casey Webb, senior. However, not all girls felt the same.

"I was nervous asking a boy, but it wasn't a big deal because we were friends for a long time," Stephanie Lemus, sophomore, said.

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Rain on me

Tightly gripping the blue and white umbrella, Joel Schneider, junior, protects his prom date Amanda Schulte, junior, from the spring rain. "It was difficult going from place to place because I was worried she would get rained on," Joel said.



Picture Perfect

Posed for a prom picture. Aric Van Weeldon, senior, and Lauren Meneghetti, junior, stand still while Mrs. Van Weeldon takes a picture at the Grand March. **Arms wrapped** around Mr. Al Gandolfi, assistant principal, Lauren Drosos, junior, and Egle Valtiekute, senior, smile for a quick snap shot at Turnabout. **With their mouths wide open,** Kylie Harker, junior, and Alex Brajacek, sophomore, react while taking a photo at Homecoming.





Arm in arm

With his girlfriend Lindsey Pugh, '05, in his arms, Nick Stolarz, senior, gazes into her eyes. "Dances were good to look forward to and a break in a normal school week," Nick said.

Best foot forward

In the middle of the crowd at Turnabout, juniors Adam White and Kristy Anderson perform the line dance to "Cotton-Eyed Joe." "I loved going to dances," Adam said. "They were entertaining and it was fun."



Dance the night

Memorable moments

Away

Homecoming

"My date. It was my first, real actual dance. Rich [Meyers] was a dream."

Marissa Sylvester,
junior

"I liked the music at the dance, because it was mostly rap, which is my favorite kind to listen to."

Fred Olasoebikan,
freshman

"The best part was people break dancing and everyone gathered in a circle to watch."

Alaina Phelan,
sophomore

Tournabout

"I liked [the theme] because at the end I got the snowflake with my name on it. The snow globes were awesome."

Jose Gutierrez,
senior

"Setting up wasn't bad because [cheerleaders] started after Friday's basketball game. We stayed for a few hours on Friday night which relieved time we spent decorating on Saturday morning."

Bridget Parker,
junior

Prom

"I liked the loud music and dancing with a ton of people on the floor. Going out and getting the limo afterwards was fun too, because it was an extension of partying."

Sam Kasmak,
sophomore

"I was on CEC, so the best part was crowning the queen. It was fun because I got to see her happiness first hand."

Katie Stout,
junior

Winter reminder

With his date Tashi Damjanovich, sophomore, nearby, Jimmy Mehok, junior, picks out their snowflake souvenir from Turnabout. "I asked Jimmy because we were friends for a long time, so it was easy," Tashi said. "But it could be hard to ask especially if you didn't know what to say."



Under the

Weather

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While making the first move and the thought of rejection made some girls uneasy, boys saw it as a sign of confidence.

"If a girl had that much guts [to ask someone out], she was obviously worth dating," Alex Avtgis, junior, said.

The new, active role of girls in dating, spurred by the winter formal, was evidence that society and times had changed, according to Mrs. Carol Schoen, guidance counselor.

SLOWLY STEPPING OVER the golden stars branded with a senior's name, students strolled underneath the archways encrusted with red roses and vines showcasing the theme of "Bella Serra," meaning beautiful evening in Italian.

Under the direction of Junior Class Executive Council (CEC), 20 students worked together to plan prom.

Concerns plagued Junior CEC from the start of the year, when beginning prom plans, according to Junior CEC Treasurer, Catie Lee.

"The number of dance tickets we sold is what paid for the cost of Prom," Catie said. "The worry or concern was that we wouldn't sell enough tickets to cover all of the costs and pay for all the things we had bought."

To raise necessary money to complete the prom plans, Junior CEC planned fundraisers. They started off with a bake sale, then had a fundraiser through Piz-za Hut, raising \$300.

"By the end of the year, we were good on money," Catie said. "We covered ev-

erything and saved money for next year."

TOSSING A WHITE bikini top in her suitcase, Ashley Taylor, senior, packed her favorite spring necessities for a weekend trip to Florida. As Ashley haphazardly flipped through the pile of clothing on her bedroom floor, she looked up at her pink prom dress, which she had taken off only hours before hand.

"After prom my boyfriend [Ryan Burke, senior] and I left to spend two days at his condo in Florida," Ashley said.

Traditionally, prom after parties called for something more outlandish than going to the local Applebees, but some felt taking a three hour flight to a popular tourist destination was excessive.

While Ryan and Ashley enjoyed sunny skies and 70 degree weather, prom goes at home had to fight off wind and rain the entire weekend.

"My group planned on going to the beach on Sunday, but we didn't because of the rain," Nick Fisher, junior, said.

While the rain dashed plans and added to sleep deprivation after prom, some groups defeated storms by planning indoor activities.

"We drove to Indianapolis and played whirly ball," Jen Jamich, senior, said.

"It was fun and the rain didn't spoil it."

If the shoe fits

After the last song, Kelly Wold, freshman, gets ready to leave with her date from Gavitt, Ben Cole, freshman. "I liked homecoming the best because it was my first high school dance," Kelly said.

March madness

After an entire afternoon of hair spray and makeup, Kelly Frank walks down the Grand March before Prom. "I spent all afternoon rushing around," Kelly said.



Family ties

Posed in front of the backdrop at the Grand March, seniors Dani Blair and Niko Coulis smile for the camera with Dani's parents before

she was named Prom queen later that night. "I didn't expect it!" Dani said. "I was going crazy inside."

Prom Court

Girls

Dani Blair Prom Queen
Andrea Coulis
Lauren Gaskey
Monica Manoski
Tamiko Toyama
Jackie Yerga

Guys

Andrew Bilse Prom King
Tim Lukoshus
Jeff Marinier
Mike McNicholas
Thomas Paliga
Aric Van Weelden





Twist-and-shout

With giggles filling the air, Sarah Spulnik, sophomore, grasps her date Jaime Doyle, junior, to continue dancing. "I tried to make the best out of the night by having fun," Sarah said.

Meet and greet

Meeting seniors, Niko Coulic and Dani Blair, Tim Lukoshus and Julie Feingold exchange compliments in the Commons before the Grand March. "I was afraid of the walk," Julie said. "I didn't want to trip on my dress."



Follow the crowd

Packed in the Commons, freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors, all dance to the music at Homecoming. "Everyone was really sweaty," Ashley Cook, senior, said. "The huge crowd made it a lot more crazy, but it would've been okay to have a little more room."



Adding it all Up

Homecoming Turnabout Prom

tickets	\$45	\$35	\$75
singles	27	34	16
couples	233	217	270
total	493	468	556

Dance to another tune

Surrounded by juniors Eunice Ntiamaah, Justine Van Dyke, Ryonna Abraham, and Berlyn Boswell, Kaitlin Newell dances to the music at Turnabout. "I had an awesome group and date, Leroy Velasquez," Kaitlin said. "The limo ride downtown was the best part."

Knock on **Wood**

Since the beginning of organized theater in ancient Greece, superstition has played a role in productions, according to Adam Bobeck, freshman. Theatre Company members of modernized this tradition and created their own acting rituals.

"Sometimes I wear underwear that say 'You're a star!'"

Jessica Conger,
senior

"I wear a mati, which is the Greek evil eye. It's supposed to ward off evils."

Danielle Troumouliaris,
junior

"I never wash my costume until the show ends so that the stinky magic of the show will never wear off."

Russell Gonzalez,
sophomore

"I repeat my first lines over and over. I know that if I don't get anything else right, at least I'll get the first line."

Saba Ahmed,
senior

"I listen to a really up-tempo song before I go on stage."

Matt Tepperman,
senior

In the spotlight

Her hand loosely cradling a lit candle, Molly White, sophomore, sings "Morning Glow" with the chorus in *Pippin*. "I liked having the candles," Molly said. "It was a nice effect to have the candles."

Up in arms

With an elaborate cover up story, Matt Tepperman, senior, pretends to be the husband of his wife's friend during rehearsal for *Exit the Body*. "I'm trying to cover up my wife's divorce. It was a very complicated story," Matt said.



"Exit the Body"

■ Production dates: Feb. 9-11

■ Director: Danielle Troumouliaris and Joel Schneider

■ Showing her facial expressions, Jessica Conger, senior, relates a story of hidden diamonds. ■ Cautiously sliding along the wall, Russell Gonzalez, sophomore, sneaks about.

■ Smothered in "lotion," Alyssa Spungen, sophomore, complains to her boss about her untimely awakening. ■ Seated with Julianne Waterson, sophomore, Matt Tepperman, senior, keeps up a false pretense.





CLOSING NIGHT OF THE NOVICE production, *Reunion with Death*, began with a lost pair of earrings.

As in all shows, trouble comes along; but every performer reacted differently and solved each problem in their own way.

"When I did my first line, I flipped my hair back and I realized I didn't have them. They were the clincher to the show—how I was murdered and who killed me," Janelle Boudreau, freshman, said. "I had to have someone go back and find some other earrings!"

However, according to co-director Saba Ahmed, senior, mistakes gave actors the ability to think quickly and even add to the show.

"Everyone worked together to fix a problem," Saba said. "It was also good for a laugh after the show."

Some problems, like having two lead characters, didn't make some actors laugh. Mike Hughes, along with Mike Konopasek, junior, starred as the title role of the fall musical *Pippin*. During the four-day run, both Mikes performed for two days. Though a necessary experience, sharing a role could be a bother, according to Mike Konopasek.

"I've never had to share a part before," Mike said. "We had half the amount of rehearsal time."

While the novice show ended with a slight problem, the winter show *Exit the Body* began with significant difficulty. The chosen director could not complete her duties, forcing the assistant director, Danielle Troumouliaris, junior, to take the challenge of an unexpected responsibility.

"It was a complete surprise," Danielle said. "I knew it would be a lot of work, but I also knew I would have to step up in order to have a winter show happen."

DESPITE THE DILEMMAS encountered in the theatre company, the actors overcame the obstacles internally. They often found comfort in their companions, allowing them to form intimate friendships. During the plays and even the time in between, the performers forged a bond united by the common love of acting, according to Heather.

"I love how, as a group, we can get together, put in so much time, and create a play in just a little over a month," Heather said. "We spent so much time together, so we formed lasting relationships with each other."

MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES good or bad, shaped the actors' habits at times. Traditions became part of the experience.

"Martin Blumberg, who graduated, gave me a receipt from a very nice pair of shoes he bought,"

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LIGHTING THE STAGE

Eccentricities and unique individuals brighten the auditorium from opening practice until final bow



More than meets the eye

Staring at the ceiling, Ryan Blanchard makes sure not to flinch while having makeup done.

"Some of us can't grow facial hair, so we need ours drawn on," Ryan said.

"Pippin"

- Production dates:
Nov. 10-13
- Director: Larry Brechner

■ Jazz hands extended, sophomores Mallory McShane, Molly White and junior Chan Huyhn attempt to persuade Pippin to perform in the "big finale." ■ Standing with his head, junior Pat Pohrte gives valuable advice to Pippin. ■ Gently caressing each other's hand, seniors Heather Phipps and Mike Hughes perform the duet "Love Song." ■ Carefully placing a crown on his head, Bryn Carter, sophomore, names Mike Hughes (Pippin) king of the Holy Roman Empire. "In the play I find out that being king is not as extraordinary as I hoped it would have been," Mike said.



"Reunion with Death"

- Production dates:
Sept. 22-23
- Student Directors:
Heather Phipps and
Saba Ahmed

Horseplay

Decked in comfortable attire, Sam Skrobot, senior, playfully jokes with her directors during a rehearsal of *Reunion with Death*. "You could spend time with friends and you could dress down," Sam said.



Pippin cast members block the opening number, "Magic to Do."



The big Number

With **80** active theatre company members as well as **50** active auditorium staff members and with only **3** weeks of prep work, it takes **5** weeks of actual rehearsal to create a production.

On average, rehearsal lasts **4** hours per day during tech week.

Directors for plays have a budget of **\$1,000**.

While the average budget for a musical is up to **\$6,000**.



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Molly White, sophomore, said. "He told me it was a magic receipt and if I put it in my sock for auditions or performances, it would bring me good luck."

Not all performers had idiosyncrasies such as these; but all of the actors took part in a pre-show ritual, unique to each performer.

"Backstage I would take a few seconds and look out onto the stage," Heather Phipps, Munster Theatre Company President, said. "I did this to clear my head and get into character."

FOR EVERY PLAY, musical or drama, the actors tried to express an emotion to audience members, according to Ryan Blanchard, senior.

"When I got into character," Ryan said. "I felt like I was conveying their message because they couldn't. It was like I was playing their part for them, not for myself; but the best part of the whole process was the instant gratification of applause."

Directors' Cut

At a rehearsal for the novice show *Reunion with Death* student directors Heather Phipps and Saba Ahmed, seniors, vocalized their thoughts by giving notes at the end of the show: "[Student directing] was an amazing experience," Saba said. "It was awesome that I had a say. I got to tell people what to do instead of asking what to do."

Whether a problem arose or success transpired, separate instances affecting the actors made the experience that ultimately leads to opening night.

LIGHTING THE STAGE

MAKING MUSIC

As the chorus
sings until their
throats turn
sore and the pit
orchestra plays
until their fingers
hurt, cast and
crew overcome
obstacles



Table tap

Breaking the silence of studying in the library, Russell Gonzalez, sophomore, and Chan Huyhn, junior, dance to "Marian, the librarian."

W

With five songs to perfect, numerous lines to memorize, and the 74-member cast of the Spring Musical looking up to him, Ryan Blanchard, senior, began the task of becoming Harold Hill or, as many knew him, the Music Man.

The honor and recognition of portraying a lead character in any musical didn't come without high expectations and a lot of pressure, according to senior Heather Phipps, who played opposite Ryan as Marian Paroo. From making her character unique to two-minute costume changes, many factors added to tension during the show.

"My most stressful moment was right after telling Harold Hill I would meet him at the footbridge," Heather said. "I had to make a super quick costume change, and no one was there to help me. I accidentally knocked something down and it closed the stage door so I couldn't get out."

With the help of the stage crew, Heather made her cue and the show went on, but moments like these during the musical got hearts racing. However, according to Mike Konopasek, junior, nothing felt quite the same as thinking you'd have to go on for the main character. Due to confusion concerning school policy, Ryan was told he couldn't be in the play, making Mike next in line to play Harold Hill.

"Seven days before opening night, [Mr. Larry Brechner, director] told me I would have to go on as Harold Hill," Mike said. "I went home that night and practiced two of his solos and memorized 30 pages of lines. The next day we learned that Ryan could go on. We were all so relieved. Everybody was affected by the news, but it worked out well in the end."

The scare affected everyone in the show, but Ryan undoubtedly had the greatest weight lifted off his shoulders.

"I was freaking out," Ryan said. "There was no way I wouldn't perform in my senior musical. It turned out I was misinformed, so it worked out for the best."

Wish upon a star

Accompanied by her middle school co-star Haley Conger, Heather Phipps, senior, serenades her future "someone." "I got to act prudish and mean," Heather said. "Later in the show I acted more nicely."





Wishful Thinking

To pull off a scam in River City, Professor Harold Hill, played by Ryan Blanchard, senior, sells instruments and uniforms to the town children. Professor Hill introduces the boys to their instruments and tells them if they think about playing that the music will make itself. "[The boys] were really talented," Ryan said. "It was exciting to see them grow."



Beside the point

In protest of Harold Hill, Mayor Shin, played by Mike Konopasek, junior, explains his views while wife, Mrs. Shin, played by Saba Ahmed, senior, stands by. "Everyone always said I looked young," Mike said. "It was the best role I've played because I never played an old grumpy man before."

Four of a kind

Attempting to distract the town council members sophomore Mark Knight, freshman Doug Johnson, sophomore Charlie Blum and junior Paul Bainbridge from finding out his past, Ryan Blanchard, senior, introduces the concept of the barbershop quartet. "My favorite part of the musical was definitely singing with the quartet," Mark said. "I really like barbershop quartets."



"The Music Man"

■ Production dates:

May. 4-7

■ Director: Larry Brechner

■ Joining the chorus in the opening number, Matt Tepperman, senior, sings along. ■ Discussing trade, Mark Knight, sophomore, talks about the changing times.

■ Chorus member Val Carrillo, sophomore, rolls her eyes in disbelief. ■ Perched on train seat, Scott Goodwin, senior, plays a salesman with a vendetta against Harold Hill. "I got to play the villain," Scott said. ■ Flopping around the stage, Danielle Troumouliaris, junior, and Amanda Killbarda, senior, perform a dance.

Ryanne Abraham
Mike Adams
Alyssa Adcock
Casey Aerts
Jose Aguilar
Nathan Alfano
Marcus Alfonsi
Sara Ambry

Colleen Anderson
Fabian Arteaga
Christina Averginos
Celeste Avina
Tony Ayersman
Phillip Baker
Corey Bandura
Katie Banks

Eric Barth
Tom Bateman
Melissa Bates
Justin Berg
Alison Bergmann
Jessica Biestek
Tony Bissonnette
Adam Bobeck

Brittney Boender
Rich Bohling
Carli Bolanowski
Edyta Borowicz
Ian Boswell
Matt Boyan
Nick Bozich
Britney Breger

Abbey Brokop
Leah Brousalis
Allison Brown
Nick Brown
Cara Bruzan
Austin Bubash
Zac Bucholtz
Steph Bugyis

Justin Burns
Katie Burns
Danielle Cacich
Mark Cady
Stephanie Campana
Sandra Campos
Sara Cap
Adrian Cavelas

Karina Chavez
James Cherrier
Mythili Chintamani
Vincent Ciccone
Matthew Cipich
Brice Clark
Taylor Compton
Lindsey Conger

Phoebe Conner
Jose Contreras
Vanessa Cordova
Gabriela Cornejo
Kyle Corsiglia
Andy Covert
John Crisman
Ryan Cusick

Andrea Damore
Sidarth Dasari
Eric Debarge
Jessica Deboer
Allison Degeorge
Andrea Dell Aquila
Daya Devanathan
Sean Dillner





Tanya Djuric
Ariana Dremonas



Cassandra Drillias
Courtney Drobac



Mark Dye
Margaret Eagan



Lisa Ebel
Tess Edvardsen



Ashley Eiland
Charmagne Eiland



Emily Ellison
Adrian Eloisa



Elyse Estes
Lorian Estes



Aaron Estrada
Greg Fehlau



Jeff Felizak
Erick Ferrer

freshmen

Youngest child

32%
of underclassmen
ranked as the youngest

162 students survey
March 15

It's good to be the youngest

- Parents have already had experience with older siblings
- Gets his/her way and get away with a lot
- Can learn from older siblings' experiences/mistakes
- Siblings liked to take him/her shopping

It's bad to be the youngest

- Babied, overprotected
- Older siblings got to do everything first
- Parents already know the tricks of the trade
- Parents smother them because they don't want to lose the "baby"
- Expected to meet or exceed the older child's reputation/achievements
- Live in siblings' shadow

Price check

To help out with errands, Mike Sudberry crouches down to reach cereal at Jewel. "Even though I'm the youngest, I take a lot of responsibilities and chores," Mike said. "I do most of the work. I do it because I want to make it as least stressful as possible for my mom."



All In the Family

Daniel Jiac
 Leigh Fimbianti
 Rizzie Fisher
 Seth Flahaven
 Kaitlyn Flores
 Larry Ford
 Ed Fox
 Kyle Fox

Madison Gallegos
 David Garcia
 Dan Gardner
 Matt Gasky
 Breanna Gates
 Matt Gehrig
 Sean Georgas
 Joe Gill

Phil Gittens
 Steph Gober
 Kayle Goldsmith
 Matt Gonzalez
 Matt Goodman
 Adam Goodwin
 Cannon Grimmer
 Terry Grunewald

Brittany Guy
 Kim Hajdud
 Heather Hajduk
 Megan Hammermeister
 Ryan Hammermeister
 Jason Han
 Mitch Hanak
 Graham Hanas

Ethan Hansen
 Marilyn Hansen
 Lindsay Hayes
 Grace Heaney
 Tom Hecimovich
 Evan Heintz
 Mary Herald
 Malissa Hernandez

Billy Heuer
 Anthony Hiles
 Mary Hill
 Katie Hluska
 Taylor Hodges
 Lori Hoffmann
 Erin Hott
 Courtney Hoyle

Kristen Hruska
 Jordan Huckaby
 Kevin Hughes
 Imran Husain
 Emily Imrich
 Dan Jayakar
 Robin Jiang
 Doug Johnson

Chris Jones
 Ciara Jones
 Kevin Kakamba
 Josh Kaszkur
 Tom Kenzel
 Kelly Kerner
 Aava Khawiwada
 David Kiesling

Laura Kinser
 Elle Kirby
 Jessica Kitchell
 Katie Kocis
 Jessica Koetteritz
 Kevin Kooy
 Jillian Koselke
 Sophie Koufos



19%
of underclassmen
ranked as the middle

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It's good to be in the middle

- Often can sneak under the radar because parents pay more attention to brothers/sisters
- Acts as the peace-maker, so looks good in parents eyes
- Best of both worlds: can learn from older siblings but blame things on younger siblings

It's bad to be in the middle

- Has to take over older siblings' responsibilities if they are at work or school
- Not much respect from younger siblings
- Compared constantly to both younger and older siblings
- Parents don't pay as much attention to the middle child
- Lost in the crowd

Betwixt and bequeen

Arms raised and eyelashes batting, Danielle Troumouliaris, junior, portrays the character Fastrada in the fall musical, "Pippin". Danielle followed in her older sister's footsteps by performing on stage. "My sisters and I share similar interests," Danielle said. "But each of us have separate personalities. When my younger sister comes to Munster, she will be the third Troumouliaris in Munster Theatre Company."



Alex Koulourides
Alexa Koulourides
Mike Kozlowski
Rachel Krahn
Brianna Krajewski
Nithin Krishnan
Sara Krolak
Kathryn Krull

Arjun Kumar
Marcin Kuzma
Zach Langbohn
Eric Larios
Greg Lautz
Taylor Lee
Kurt Leeney
Jake Lehmann

Elizabeth Leslie
Katelin Lewandowski
Brian Lewis
Dan Linnear
Noah Lipinski
Jamie Lissy
Joe Longawa
Brandon Lopez

Gwen Lopez
Manuel Lopez
Ray Lopez
Al Louis
Jeff Lucas
Andrew Mack
Jill Magsaysay
Andrea Manchak

Viraj Maniar
Tricia Martin
Joe Martinez
Sarah Matthies
Laura Matula
Adam Mayer
Emily Mazur
Jade McDonald

Tessa McGuan
Alex McGuire
Mike McIntyre
Pat McIntyre
Ryan McIntyre
Sam Metz
Greg Meyer
Dan Meyers

Toni Michalski
Shawn Michel
Morgan Midkiff
Martha Mihich
Sean Miller
Jordan Milne
Katrina Minton
Gianna Mirabelli

Stephanie Mirabelli
Katie Miraglia
Matas Mockus
Chris Moffitt
Ashley Monos
Melina Moreno
Nick Morfas
Kylie Morris

Erin Moss
Amanda Mota
Ping Muangmingsuk
Evan Mudroncik
Lana Muhrez
Justin Mulesa
Michele Munday
Anas Musleh





Sarah Mustain
Takehito Nakagawa

Eric Neiner
Matt Nelson

Allison Newman
Alicia Nieves

Dan Nootens
Ashley Norris

Tony Norris
Kevin Nossem

Jessica Novotney
Rose Nowicki

Rachel Nowinski
Matt Noworyta

Brianne O'Connor
Ken O'Drobinak

Jessica O'Hara
Anjelica O'Brien

freshmen

Oldest child

40%
of underclassmen
ranked as the oldest

162 students survey
March 15

All In the Family

It's good to be the oldest

- More privileges
- Can act like the boss
- Parents don't know what to expect
- Experience things first

It's bad to be the oldest

- More responsibilities
- Free babysitter
- Have to set a good example
- A lot of pressure from parents who expect you to do well



Old school

Sharing her children's story with Eads Elementary School students for Mr. David Russell's Creative Writing class, Emily Beezhold demonstrates how being the oldest

child affects her in all situations. "I try to help my siblings a lot," Emily said. "I try to keep them from doing anything I did wrong."

Obie Okolocha
Fred Olasebikan
Tanner Ollo
Steve Ondo
Namik Oner
Jordan Orr
Martin Ortiz
Micaela Ossanna

Maddie Oswald
Heather Paarberg
Ken Pannell
Dudley Paquette
Kush Patel
Shivani Patel
Paige Patterson
Max Peck

Annie Perz
Mike Phillips
Demetrios Pitsas
Ethan Poppa
Joey Porras
Amanda Porter
Sarah Posey
Leslie Poulos

Steph Poulos
Omar Prado
Jordan Pressley
Mike Pudlow
Mitch Pugh
Matt Pukoszok
Kristen Pulley
Tariq Quadeer

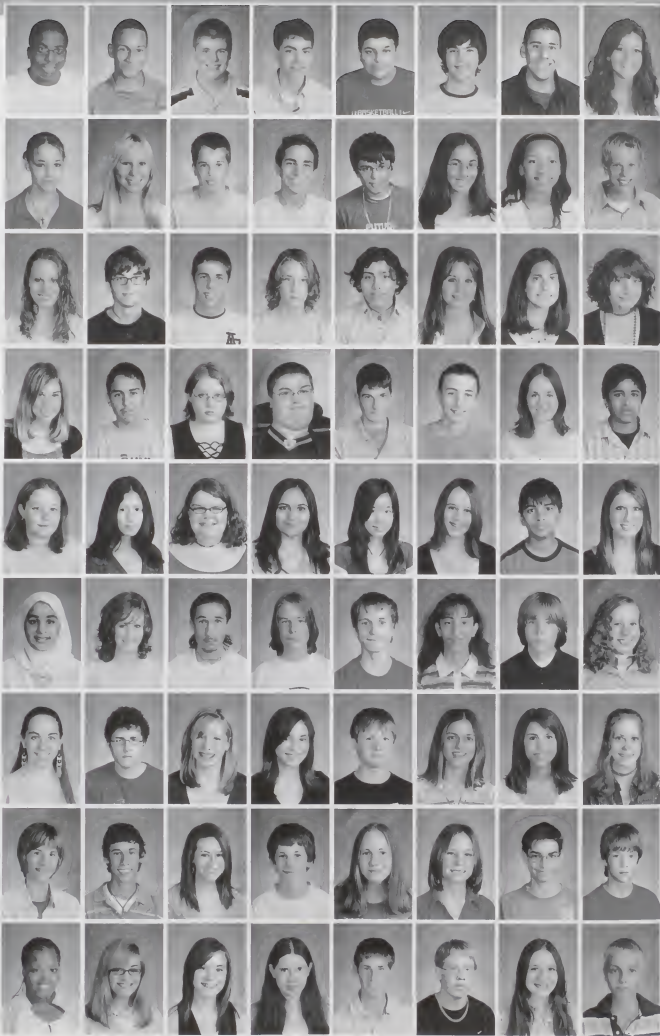
Mauritia Ramirez
Valen Ramirez
Melissa Rangel
Ambika Rao
Sarunphorn Rasamimari
Michelle Ratner
Abhinav Ravi
Nicole Raynor

Sameera Raziuddin
Chelsea Reed
Aloysius Reese
Alex Reindl
Adam Rhoda
Roberta Richio
Kyle Rice
Jen Ridder

Shannon Riley
Eric Roach
Sarah Roberts
Danica Rodriguez
John Rogowski
Jenna Roller
Sarah Roque
Jessica Rosiak

Brianne Rubesha
Krisie Ruiz
Steph Ruiz
Jason Rutkowski
Rachel Rutkowski
Mary Rutledge
Adam Salberg
George Samaan

Dana Sanders
Mary Sandrick
Breck Scarnavack
Elizabeth Schuhler
Tyler Schwartz
Nick Sebek
Stephanie Sepiol
Dima Sergiyenko





Matt Shacklett
Supriya Shah



Sam Shaner
Rebecca Shapiro



Keith Shaw
Stephen Shih



Matt Shreve
Lynlee Shutka



Rima Siddiqui
Molly Skaggs



Stephanie Skertich
Molly Sliwa



Alex Slijivar
Justin Smit



Emilee Smith
Sam Smith

freshmen

Only child

9%
of underclassmen
ranked as the only

162 students survey
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All In the Family

It's good to be the only child

- More freedom/ independence
- Don't have to share
- More privacy
- Paying for college is easier and more affordable

It's bad to be the only child

- No playmates as a kid
- Too much attention from parents
- No siblings to help with homework or advice
- No one to relate to
- Reputation of being spoiled

Chain gang

In an attempt to construct a paper chain, only child Mike Graczyk, senior, works with classmates in AP Economics. His relationships at school proved to be the main source of friendship. "I don't have any siblings," Mike said. "I liked to get more involved in activities outside of home to get to know people."



Jon Sobilo
Pat Speranza
Curtis Spicer
A.J. Spolnik
Megan Stacy
Holly Stevens
Cali Stittler
Lizzy Stone



Brett Strohl
Jamie Swing
Nathan Szany
Ben Taylor
Shelby Taylor
Steve Taylor
Jake Tepperman
Chrissy Terry



Kody Thompson
Paul Thompson
Jerrett Tite
Zach Todd
Sean Tomazin
Joe Torres
Rachael Trevino
Molly Tribou



Rachel Trotman
Mike Turco
Neelam Vachhani
Chad Van Deursen
Lauren Van Dommelen
Nick Van Wieren
Ben Varnum
Katie Verkruijse



Melissa Vetrano
Jadd Villalobos
Matt Vlasich
Amy Vogel
Sarah Wachala
Zach Wallar
Rohan Warriar
Ryan Watrobka



Melissa Webber
Kurt Webster
Alex Welch
Allison Welch
Andrew White
John White
Emily Whiting
Eryn Whiting



Adam Wible
Grant Williams
James Willis
Jordan Wojtowich
Alexa Wolak
Kelly Wold
Austin Wynn
Erin Wysocki



Olivia Yates

In a short four year span from 1987 to 1991, Mrs. Claire McIntyre had a child each year. Not since elementary school had Mike, Colleen, Erin and Pat been enrolled at the same school. From freshman to senior, you could find a McIntyre child in each grade.

Each sibling had their assigned role, according to Colleen McIntyre, junior.

"Pat is the nicest and you should go to him for a favor," Colleen said. "Erin is the princess, or at least she thinks she is. I'm the geeky one who provides answers to Jeopardy!"

Mike is the independent one who does stuff on his own."

Sandwiched between the brothers, Erin and Colleen shared numerous activities as well as physical similarities, at least enough to confuse teachers, according to Erin McIntyre, sophomore.

"My older siblings help me with homework, especially Colleen with writing."
Pat McIntyre,
freshman



"You always have to compromise and to do what everyone else wants."

Erin McIntyre,
sophomore



"It's like I don't have my own personality. People view me and Erin as the same person."

Colleen McIntyre,
junior

"Everyone looks to you for advice or help. I'm the first one that everyone looks to in my family."

Mike McIntyre,
senior

Band Geek

sophomores

More than a brand



Mad as a hatter

Decked out in a wild hat, Jason Carr, senior, blasts his trombone during Pep Band. "I'm definitely a band geek," Jason said. "I'm always with the band. I'm like a band loser." Jason enjoyed playing in Pep Band because of the costumes they wore to basketball games.

"Jazz Band, Pep Band, Wind Ensemble and Marching Band make me a band geek. I participate in ISSMA. I'm Drum Major. I get to make sure the band is in tempo and I conduct. I lead the band overall during marching season. It's about half of my NHS points."

John Michael Mulesa,
junior

You know you're a band geek...

- ☐ when all you can think about is John Phillips Sousa
- ☐ if your idea of summer fun is band camp
- ☐ when your nose is red the Friday of Spirit Week
- ☐ if you read sheet music instead of *Julius Caesar*
- ☐ when you come to rehearsal before the director

Joe Abu-Aita
Stephen Adams



Keaton Aktay
Danny Alexander



Lindsey Alexander
Tieg Alexander



Trevor Alexander
Moises Alvarez



Valerie Alvarez
Eric Anderson



Kaitlin Anderson
Jovan Andjelich



Carolynn Andrews
Nick Anello



Jeremy Aponte
Ashley Arens



Christian Arteaga
Jesus Avina





Mary Baggett
Kerriann Ballanco
Michelle Ballard
Justin Basile
Tommy Bassetto
Alex Bazan
Steve Bontly
Ed Becher

Michael Becka
Patrick Behrens
Adam Belkairous
Amina Benman
Phil Bernardi
Brett Bertagnolli
Jacob Biscan
Lauren Blazeivich

Deepak Bommisetty
Samantha Bonessa
Matt Bonini
Megan Bonke
Pete Borgia
Jordana Boton
Bernadette Bowen
Kyle Boyd

Dan Boyle
Trevor Bozich
Tatiana Bozovic
Alen Bradaric
Charlie Bragg
Jeff Bragel
Alex Brajak
Jenna Brakulis

Holly Brown
Sabrina Brown
Mitch Bruhn
Meredith Brumm
James Burgwald
Adrienne Bynum
Mitch Calabrese
Justin Campbell

Marc Campos
Stefan Canic
Melissa Cappel
John Carlson
Kristy Carlson
Dan Carr
Valene Carrillo
Bryn Carter

Javier Carvajal
Juan Ceja
Chris Cheng
Katelyn Chovanec
Arefin Chowdhury
Sarah Chowdhury
Ruth Christopher
Oscar Cisneros

Nicoletta Coduti
Alex Cohen
Jen Collinsworth
Adam Cooper
Josh Cooper
Stefan Coric
Dan Croagh
Kristina Cretu

Cherlyn Crozier
Jessica Cuadra
Kevin Curosh
Sam Curtis
Tashi Damjanovich
Debarshi Das
Cristal Del Real
Sam Dempsey

Class Clown

sophomores

More than a brand

"Being the class clown eases tension and the constant frustration of school. It makes the classroom environment more easygoing. I like throwing out jokes when they're available. I think teachers appreciate [class clowns], but they know when too much is too much."

You know you're a class clown...

- ☐ if making people laugh comes naturally
- ☐ when you have a comeback to everything the teacher says
- ☐ if you've ever caused the class to get in trouble
- ☐ when you make even the most serious teacher chuckle

Chip Andrews,
senior

Acting up

Experimenting with springs in Mr. Bruce Curme's physics class, juniors Jeff Dubish and Pete Brousalis goof off during class, while also demonstrating waves and motion. "I always like to make the most boring days more enjoyable," Pete said. "It usually brightens students' spirits."

Lino Dimas
Pat Doherty
Julianne Donahue

Darrell Dortch
Neil Doshi
Tyler Drabenstot

Andrew Drudge
James Dubish
Brandon Dutton

Kyle Dytrych
Caleb Edens
Kelsey Ellingsen

Jon Eloisa
Mona Elsalaymeh
Natalie Emro

Janea' Evans
Tom Fagan
Abby Farkas

Lenrow Felton
Jeff Florek
Jasmine Fonda-Adegbeni

Alex Frakes
Lauren Fuchrmeyer
Amy Fuhs

Stephanie Gajewski
Sara Galante
Juan Gandarilla





Jacob Gerber
Carly Gibbs
Ed Gier
Nick Gillund
Russell Gonzalez
Brian Good
Zac Goode
Robert Gorman

Stephanie Gorman
Devin Gosberry
Clarissa Gosciej
Karen Gouwens
Nikkida Graham
Sophia Griggs
Kassia Groszewski
Milana Groydanich

Anna Guanzon
Teddy Hlack
Kenny Hamilton
Teddy Hanak
Stephanie Handlon
Jonathan Harangody
William Hasse
Julie Hawkins

Angela Hehn
Kathryn Helfen
Laura Hennig
Basil Herbeck
Felipe Hernandez
Harrison Hernandez
Lyndsey Hernandez
Michelle Herrera

Jessica Hilbrich
Ronald Hileman
Kaitlin Hines
Ethan Hirsch
Mike Huska
Amanda Hoffman
Nicole Hong
Alex Hora

Ben Horowitz
Faridah Hossain
Pat Howard
Megan Huska
Taylor Hubbard
Courtney Huckaby
Grant Huebner
James Hunt

Risa Hurwich
Kim Irvin
Joe Jamieich
Julie Janis
Andrew Johnson
Mike Johnson
Sarah Johnson
John Jurkash

Andrew Kaminski
Natasha Kanak
Pooja Kansal
Sam Kasmark
Brett Keeler
Kristina Keith
Eleanor Kennedy
Jared Kerzner

Neil Keshvani
Umbreen Khan
Pooja Khattiwada
Kristine Kho
Katherine Kikalos
Nora Kish
Emily Kitchell
Tim Klisser

Cheerleader & Pom

sophomores

More than a brand



"Cheerleading is having tons of spirit and really believing in your team, never doubting it. You should be a role model for the little girls who want to be cheerleaders too. It's really about loving your school."

Eunice Ntiamoah,
junior

Hoot and holler

With an intense scream, Marissa Sylvester, junior, shows her spirit by cheering at a football game. Although, cheerleaders had to be present at games, their spirit was not false, according to Marissa. "We really got into the games," Marissa said. "We got to support our team. We also got to go to all the games for free."

You know you're a cheerleader or pom

- ❑ if you find yourself cheering when your mom takes out the trash
- ❑ when you wave, you use your "spirit fingers"
- ❑ if you could dance before you could walk
- ❑ if you own more bows than the average six year old girl
- ❑ when the smell of icy hot overpowers your perfume
- ❑ if your knees are black and blue from a 12-hour choreography session



Just for kicks

To entertain the crowd, Michele Zehner, junior; Emily Kitchell, sophomore; and Elyse Van Camp, senior, dance during half-time at the Homecoming game.



Mark Knight
Ashley Kolar



Kelsey Kooy
Jessica Korda



Kara Korem
Ann Koulianos



Jackie Kovach
Paulina Kozupa



Miles Krasic
Dan Kretz



Megan Krueger
Charles Krull



Caleb Kurowski
Pawel Kuzma



Ashley Lair
Mitch Larock



Karen Larsen
Sara Larsen



Breanne Lawler
Sarah Letkofsky
Stephanie Lenus
Justine Leonakis
Bradley Levan
Sam Lodewyck
Kim Long
Jeffrey Longawa

Dan Lopez
Judith Maddatu
Mitch Malone
Megan Mann
Marcelina Manuel
Aleksandar Manoyla
Samantha Mardyla
Annie Marinakos

Nick Markovich
Steve Markovich
Kelly Mashura
Evan Maul
Shannon McCarthy
Walter McDonald
Erin McIntyre
Megan McKechnie

Alex McKenna
Laura McLaughlin
Mallory McShane
Allison Medina
Dan Mehay
Jon Merritt
Kari Michniewicz
Sarah Mihich

Carl Milbrath
Brandon Miller
Matt Miller
Ryan Miller
Anja Mitric
Natalie Miyashiro
Lizzie Monell
Ashley Moore

Alesondra Mora
Nick Morelli
Gurpritt Multani
Justin Newman
Ivana Njegomir
David Nootens
Gina Novakovich
Jen Novosel

Joe O'Brien
Brian O'Hara
Pero Ogrizovich
Chike Okolocha
Stephen Ong
Elizabeth Ornelas
Kristen Pagane
Nicole Pakan

Nick Pantazis
Eric Papash
Lovely-Kay Pastrana
Ian Pavnick
Jessica Peach
Colleen Pearman
Annie Pellicciotti
Jen Peng

Alana Phelan
Michelle Philipsborn
Blake Platt
Molly Poczontek
Kurt Popovich
Amanda Puryear
Anna Pycinska
Tim Qualls

Drama Queen

sophomores

"I complain a lot about everything. I scream and talk loudly. It could be a really small thing but I'll blow it up so that it becomes a big deal."

Arabel Gutierrez, junior

You know you're a drama king/queen

- when a paper cut is a reason for an emotional breakdown
- when you think the world is your stage
- if you can easily compare your life to an episode of the O.C.
- if you could recite any Shakespearean monologue



At face value

With a gasp of horror, Mike Hughes, senior, along with Adam White, junior, react during a skit for Mrs. Renee Kouris' Theater Arts class. Mike found it easy to be dramatic in plays and in real life. "I wanted everything I did to be an original moment," Mike said. "I had a major inferiority complex that I hid behind my drama."

Talha Qureshi
Andrew Radbel
Nisha Raiker



David Ramirez
Anisha Rastogi
Suchita Rastogi



Kelly Rausch
Jen Razey
Bailey Remce



Brian Ritz
Eric Robertson
Ariana Rodriguez



Jennifer Romano
Alex Rosales
Danielle Roy



Sarah Rubino
Branden Ruiz
Roberto Rumbolo



Chris Samano
John Sanchez
Bryan Sanders

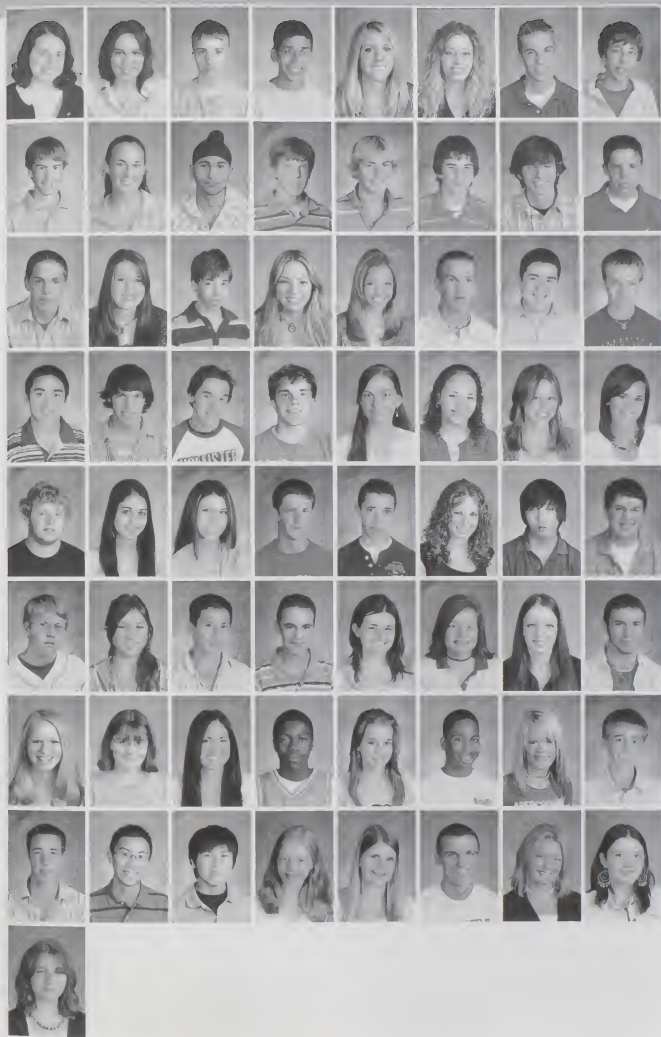


Andru Sannito
Miguel Santos
Cody Sasek



Brian Schmidt
Brandon Schweitzer
Amanda Scott





Ann Seaman
Belinda Sebenste
Pat Seymour
Neal Shah
Colleen Shaw
Anna Sherron
Ryan Shmala
Mitch Shlensky

Alek Shmagranoff
Leann Sikora
Jaspreet Singh
Nolan Sličko
Josh Smit
Jake Smith
Zac Smith
Erik Soeka

Steve Soeka
Emily Sojka
Nemania Sosic
Sarah Spolnik
Alyssa Spungen
Jeff Spyrka
Marko Stretenovic
Jack Standley

Alex Stariha
Matt Stewart
Trevor Stewart
Nicholas Stoffregen
Tabby Strong
Evelyn Strug
Samantha Tanthillo
Lauren Tanzillo

Matthew Thompson
Punam Tiwana
Angie Toth
Max Tratar
Corey Trimolt
Jenna Tritsch
Phil Ur
Jeff Vallese

Steve Vanes
Brittani Vasquez
Gilroy Velasquez
George Vazmar
Kathryn Wadas
Kelly Wade
Megan Walker
Kevin Watson

Juhanne Watterson
Mary Webber
Liz Wehmer
Michael Wey
Molly White
Lazarick Whitlock
Debbie Wilczynski
Blake Williams

Chris Witter
Tim Yee
Nick Yi
Meagan Yohtment
Brittany Zehner
Steve Zelenika
Lindsey Ziemba
Amanda Zimmerman

Julie Zivich

Riyona Abraham
Paul Albrecht-Mallinger
Jonathan Alexander
Crystal Altieri
Larry Amalco
Dan Anich
Kristy Anderson
Alex Andjelich

Miguel Arambula
Alex Arvis
Amanda Bacoyanis
Paul Bainbridge
Heather Ballard
Ashleigh Barbeau
Brian Bartniczak
Nick Barton

Courtney Basile
Jessica Beechold
Tony Benavente
Rohan Bhagwat
Alex Bilse
Adam Bissonnette
Mike Bizoukas
Greg Blair

Mike Bland
Katelyn Bochnowski
Andy Bookwood
Sylvia Borowicz
Jeffrey Bostick
Bertlyn Boswell
Jackie Boyle
Cara Briggs

Pete Brousalis
Lizzie Browder
Carolyn Brown
Shawna Bruce
John Bugajski
Blaine Bugaski
Ryan Burns
Tom Calmeyer

Rudy Campbell
Ashley Canan
Paul Capriglione
Colin Carey
Leah Carey
Mary Carp
Bennet Cerven
Naveen Chaubal

Philip Chiang
Jeff Chou
Austin Clark
Jessica Clusserath
Jon Contos
Desiree Cossyleon
Dan Crisman
Brittany Crosby

Erin Cummings
Mike Cummins
Michael Curran
Zac Curtis
Dulari Dave
Alyssa Deboer
Courtney Decero
Ankur Dedania

Darryl Dedelow
Dan Del Real
David Del Rio
Veronica Delgado
Taylor Della Rocco
Will Dempsey
Pat Derolf
Jennifer Dicostanzo



Kevin Diederich
Cory Dillner

Joshua Dimailig
Stefanie Dohman

Kaitlyn Dolatowski
Joey Domenico

Kevin Donahue
Jeff Dubish

Marc Duda
Erica Dybel

Jimmy Dye
Emily Eagan

Rachel Eldert
Aleksandar Elek

Olivia Enger
Adam Enright

Kassandra Everette
Elena Falloon

"I stayed up all night for a composition in English. In order to stay awake late, I had a lot of caffeine, ate two or three more meals, and would occasionally wash my face. I've never gotten a "B" for a semester. I'd be pretty disappointed in myself if I did."

Eric Anderson, sophomore

You know you're grade-crazed

- ☐ when you spend more time begging for extra credit than actually studying
- ☐ if you've mathematically planned your class schedule based on honors quantity points
- ☐ when your backpack weighs more than you do
- ☐ if you know your class rank down to the hundredths of a point
- ☐ if your report card looks like the "A" key on the computer got stuck
- ☐ when you've had your high school schedule planned since 7th grade
- ☐ if your mom tells you to get out more



Price check

As she examines the mistakes made in her grammar notebook after school in Mr. David Russell's English classroom, Clarissa Gosciej, sophomore, mentally fixes the problems. "I needed an 'A' or 'B,'" Clarissa said.

"That class was really challenging so I wanted to make sure I knew the information." Sophomores could come for help to review for weekly grammar quizzes.

David Land
Mitch Farnsley
Tony Fattore
Raul Ferrer
Mike Fisher
Nick Fisher
Jessica Flamme
Sarah Flick



Danielle Flores
Chaz Franciski
Katherine Franklin
Alex Galante
Stephanie Gallardo
Anacelia Garcia
Jesseca Garcia
Ona Gbagi



Errol Geberin
Brendan Georgas
Olivia Gershman
Leo Giannakis
Hallie Gibbs
Lauren Gier
Aubry Gilbert
Margaret Gluek



Alex Golas
Mike Gonzalez
Nathan Gonzalez
Erin Goodman
Elll Gopalan
David Goshay
Ryan Cott
Ben Gouwens



Jake Groszek
Hilary Grunewald
Arabel Gutierrez
Rob Haddad
James Han
Mary Haneman
Kyle Harker
Kelsey Hauflaire



Mike Hawkins
Clayton Hedgepath
Jeff Heintz
Collin Hendron
Brian Heneghan
David Hernandez
James Hesterman
Frank Hibbs



Mike Hlebasko
Tom Hofstra
Alyssa Hruskocy
Cecilia Huang
Lauren Hudak
Fatima Husain
Chan Huynh
Rimi Ibrahim



Katie Isaacs
Vanessa Jackson
Jordan Jancosek
Alexis Jeter
Dan Johnson
Steve Johnson
Andy Jonelis
Matt Jones



Luke Jorgensen
Olga Jovanovic
Pete Jurich
Jeffrey Justus
Golnoosh Kamali
Tony Kanavos
Preet Kaur
Bret Keil





Chris Kennelly
Steve Kerber
Alexander Kevin



Manal Khani
Chelsy Kimes
Missy Kirincic



Kaylin Kish
Jarred Koessler
Ashley Kolarik



Chris Kolodziej
Mike Konopasek
Renae Kooy



Christina Kouklakis
Chris Kounelis
Kristine Kovach



Leah Kozlowski
Pat Kozlowski
Jake Krismanick



Veljko Krkobabic
Matt Kuehn
Jeff Kurth



David La Mantia
Alex Lackey
Milijana Lalic



Warren Lane
Alyssa Larimer
Katelyn Laszlo



You know you're a jock...

- ☐ when you use your gym bag more than your backpack
- ☐ when Gatorade forms the base of your diet
- ☐ if you don't own a car because you have so many Air Jordans
- ☐ if you bet your paycheck on March Madness

Mixed signals

Screams resounding through his megaphone, Chris Bakker, senior, supports the Boys' Basketball Team by helping out at the February pre-game tailgating party. Despite wearing his letterman jacket, Chris didn't consider himself a jock. "I've never been called a jock," Chris said. "I don't care about sports and being popular. My main focus is academics."

"I'm in sports, but I'm on the honor roll too. I think there's a lot of jealousy towards jocks from the kids who try to be athletic, but they're just not."

Joe Torres, freshman

Ben Lee
Bryan Lee
Catie Lee
Tammy Lynn Lee
Connor Leto
Matt Lipinski
Krystina Liput
Heather Loden

Lauren Lomeli
Veronica Lopez
Alex Losovic
Steve Luptak
Emily Lyness
Chakori MacHerla
Mara Maddocks
Jerome Magsaysay

Nikki Malo
Tommy Mambourg
Milos Mandic
Nicole Marini
Tony Markovich
Marissa Marshall
Jackie Martin
Katie Martino

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Eric McGill
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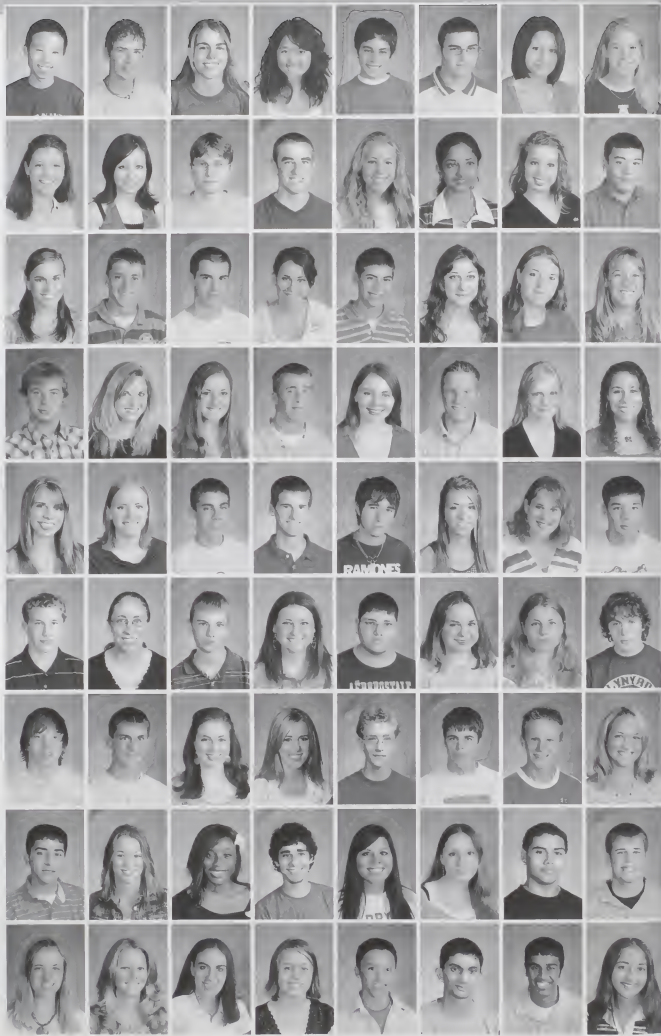
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Lauren Meneghetti
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John Meyers

Rich Meyers
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Maureen Modesto
Mohammed Mohammed
Elissa Moll
Katharyne Moore
Kevin Moran

Alex Morfas
Charles Morgan
Natalie Moya
Kendal Moyer
John-Michael Mulesa
Max Nadolski
Eric Nelson
Kaitlin Newell

George Nieves
Lauren Nourie
Eunice Ntiamaoh
Shaheen Omery
Jessica Osegueda
Julie Ostrowski
Zach Oswald
Andrew Paliga

Laura Panozzo
Megan Paradzinski
Bridget Parker
Lauren Parker
Jason Pastrana
Chirag Patel
Mihir Patel
Kalpana Patil



You know you're a prep...

- ┐ when you can text message someone in your sleep
- ┐ it looks like an Abercrombie photo shoot when you hang out with your friends
- ┐ when the word "like" is number one in your vocabulary
- ┐ if you have a polo for every color of the rainbow
- ┐ if you're on a first name basis with Kate Spade

All talk

While conversing on his cell phone, Dan Crisman, junior, displays a popped collar, a typical prep-py style. "Preps are just people who dress nicely," Dan said. "They wear Abercrombie & Fitch and Hollister. Although they could be cocky."

"Being a prep is, like, kind of a style. Like, how you dress. Some people are anti-prep and say, 'I won't talk to her because she's a prep.' That's not fair. They don't even know me!"

Sarah Roque, freshman

Frank Paulson
Tony Perez

Joe Perkins
Zach Perlinski

Dragan Petrovic
Austin Piech

Neylan Poczontek
Pat Pohrie

Beata Pozdzal
Anita Pulido

Abby Purcell
Mike Purchla

Jenni Ramirez
Joe Raycroft

Colleen Resler
Jeff Reuter

Johnathan Richardson
Adam Riley



Kaitlin Ritchie
Christina Rizk
Kayla Roach
Moghan Ruich
Akash Rusia
Ummalma Sadaf
Donna Sadural
Luis Salazar



Dan Schlesinger
Jason Schmelzer
Greg Schmitt
Tricia Schmuesser
Joel Schneider
Joe Scholtz
Mike Schramm
Amanda Schulte



Justine Sefton
Cam Selent
Ravi Shah
Bryan Sherman
Maureen Shields
Michelle Shimizu
Aisha Siddiqui
Harmanjit Singh



Ryan Slosser
Kristy Smith
Lester Smith
Ashly Speakman
Josh Spiekhout
Kara Spurlock
Corinne Stafford
Russel Starcevic



Julie Stocky
Danielle Stone
Sam Stone
Katie Stout
Kai Lani Strickland
John Strong
Mike Sudbury
Marissa Sylvester



Katie Szafasz
Randal Szewka
Katie Taylor
Sam Taylor
Tyler Thomas
Ryan Thorp
Sam Torres
Alaina Trgovich



Jason Trgovich
Nicole Trimolt
Danielle Troumoullaris
Jacob Turnbull
Alicia Tuuk
Anitha Umapathy
Dan Umlauf
Eni Uwidia



Liz Vacendak
Justine Van Dyke
David Van Wieren
Mary Vandeursen
Cristina Vanko
Melissa Vargo
Arek Varjabedian
Kate Varnum



Sonja Vasic
Matt Vasquez
George Vauter
Leroy Velasquez
Jon Velchek
Alison Venhuizen
Billy Watterson
Andrew Webb





Adriana Weichman
Lisa Weichman



Kelly Werner
Adam White



Kim Wiers
Chris Winterhalter



Sam Wojciechowski
Dana Wold



Brandon Wood
Brian Wysock



Emily Yaeger
Allen Yee



Maya Zaragoza
Jordan Zarowny



Zach Zawistowski
Michele Zehner



Filip Zivkovich
Marissa Zoppetti

"I'm a gossip because I like to know what's going on and if people are saying bad things about my friends. I don't spread so much gossip; it's just I try to get as much as I can."

Sam Kasmark,
sophomore

You know you're a gossip...

- ☐ when something happens in South and you've found out about it 30 seconds later in North
- ☐ if you know more about celebrities' lives than your own parents'
- ☐ when a note to your friend could be published in a gossip column
- ☐ if the administration comes to you for information instead of checking the video cameras



Lunch buddies

Fueling up at lunch, seniors Julie Feingold, Casey Webb and Maggie Behrens discuss the day's events. Most students used their extra lunch time to plan on activities and catch up on news. "I enjoyed the girl talk," Casey said. "It's a good escape from having teachers lecture at me all day."



Read a little, talk a little

After reading to elementary school students for Mr. David Russell's Creative Writing class, seniors Kim Dooley and Jessica Conner take a break and talk about the class and the fieldtrip to Eads Elementary.

College Pushers

seniors

Top of the ranks



Future focus

Planning his career and choosing a college is a task most seniors must face. Focused on his college plans Ferdinand Medina, senior, looks towards his future career. "I plan on staying in-state because it's cheaper," Ferdinand said. "I don't have to get as many student loans by staying here."

In State

VS

Out of State

"When you stay in state you're still close to home, and also you will more than likely see the kids you went to school with, so it's a good thing to know a lot of the people already."

Alynia Dortch,
senior

"When you go out of state you meet a lot of new people, instead of going to IU where everyone is going to have the same mind-set of an Indiana person. When you go away, people have broader perspectives and different viewpoints."

Matt Westerlund,
senior

Military

VS

College

"I have always wanted to go to the military ever since I understood what freedom stood for and how our country came to be free. Ever since about seventh grade I've known I wanted to be in the military, so I could protect my country and be apart of that history."

Zack Glasen,
senior

"College is good because it's important to branch out and see new things and get to know different cultures. Personally I respect the people who are going [to the military]. It takes discipline. It's really admirable because you have to study and experience grueling challenges."

Kim Dooley,
senior

Suzanna Elena Acosta: Speech/Debate 11; Orchestra 9-12; Camerata 12; Spanish 9-11; Project X 9-11; NHS 11-12; Art 10; Basketball 9; Softball 9
Saba Ahmed: Tennis 9; Art 9-10; Amnesty International 10; SADD 10-11; Project X 10-11; CEC 9-10, 12; Spanish 11; Speech/Debate 9-12 (council 11-12, vice pres. 12); We the People 11; NHS 12; Ensembles 11-12; Theater 9-12 (director 12); Musical 9-12; Thespian 10-12; Auditorium Staff 10-12 (House Manager 11-12)

Leah Elizabeth Alberson: Dance Team 9-12 (capt. 12); Project X 9-11; NHS 11-12; Principal's Award for Excellence 10
Anthony Alfonsi: Soccer 9

Steven Alspach

Dayanna Alvarado: French 9-12; Spanish 12; Fashion 11; German 9-12; Color Guard 11-12

Carlos Alvarez

Brett Anne Anderson: Debate 9-12 (capt. 11-12); Academic Team 9-12; French 10-12; Amnesty International 11; NHS 11-12; Swimming 9

Jenny Andert

Stephanie Lynn Andrade: Volleyball 9-12

Chip Andrews: Soccer 9-12 (capt. 12); Basketball 9; Ping Pong 11-12; SADD 11; Project X 12
Alonzo Arellano





Christopher R. Bakker: Baseball 9-12; Basketball 9; Tennis 9-12 (capt. 12); Ping Pong 9-12
Stephanie Mary Banach: Softball 9, Project X 12; NHS 11-12; German 10; French 10-11; Fashion 11; Color Guard 9-12
Angela Banas: Soccer 9-12; Basketball 9-10; Project X 9-12; NHS 11-12
Kaitlin Angeline Marie Bandura: Swimming 9-11; Band 9-11; German 10; Project X 12, Theatre 12; Art 12; Pub photographer 12
Lindsey Banka

Natalie Louise Banka: Spanish 9-12; Speech 11-12; Ensemble 11-12; Musical 10-12
Christine Barnes: Volleyball 9; Ensembles 9-12;
Tiffany Alisha Barth: Academic Team 10-12; Pub photographer 11; Auditorium Staff 10-11, Theatre 10-11; NHS 11-12
Mark Bates
Emily J. Beezhoid: Volleyball 9-10; Golf 11, Basketball 9-12; Softball 9-12

Maggie P. Behrens: Volleyball 9; Swimming 9-12 (capt. 12); Project X 10-12; ASI 11; NHS 11-12
Julie Ann Bembenista: NHS 11-12 (sec. 12); CEC 10-12 (sec. 11); French 10-12; Hoosier Girls' State 11; Soccer 9-12 (capt. 11)
Nick Benedek: Football 9-12; Track 9-12; Ping Pong 10-12
Daniel Berry
Christia Bieda: Orchestra 9-12; NHS 11-12; All-State Orchestra 9-12; Swimming 9-12; Cross Country 9-12; Track 9-12 (capt. 11-12)

Joanna Biestek
Andrew Bilse: NHS 11-12; Ping Pong 10-12; German 10-12; Baseball 9-12 (capt. 9, 10, 12); Football 9; Academic Team 11-12; Hoosier Boys' State 11
Tim Bishop: Golf 9-12; Crier 12 (Sports Ed. 12)
Breanne Bizon
Danielle Blair: Volleyball 9, Basketball 9-10; Softball 9-12 (capt. 12); SADD 11-12; Student Govt. 12, Project X 9, NHS 11-12

Gabriel Blakeley
Ryan Blanchard: Ensembles 11-12
Mark Boeckman: Golf 9-10; Ping Pong 9-12; Band 9-12
Matthew C. Bohnay
Kyle Bookwood

Daniel Borgo
Ashley Elizabeth Boyan: Volleyball 9-12; French 9-12 (pres. 12); NHS 11-12; Ping Pong 10-12; SADD 10-11; Project X 10-12; Speech/Debate 10
Kimberly Lauren Brandon: DECA 12; Project X 10-11; Art 9; German 10; Spanish 10
Joseph Bridgman
Sara Brown: Swimming 9-12; French 9-12; CEC 10

Artists

seniors

All jokes aside

Showing her creativity in class, Madeline Grdina, senior, writes for enjoyment and relaxation. "I don't remember when I started," Madeline said. "But my mom said ever since I could write, I always had a notebook in my hands."

**Draw interest**

In her art class, Jennifer McCreight, senior, works on an oil painting. Following in the footsteps of her mother, a Wilbur Wright Middle School art teacher, she displayed a natural talent for art. "I've been drawing ever since I could hold a pencil," Jennifer said.

Painters

VS

Writers

"Inspiration comes from everywhere, books history, dreams, emotions, current events; an artist soaks up random information like a sponge from every aspect of their lives. The best thing about being an artist is the ability to convey ideas to others. Art is also helpful practically, like whenever I have a visual for another class or something like that."

Jennifer McCreight,
senior

"I don't remember when I started but my mom said ever since I could write I always had a notebook in my hands. [Writing] is one of the only things that I've continued doing that hasn't been a phase. It's so versatile and you know that there is someone out there that will read it. Everyday life inspires me, and the way I look at things with a weird perspective helped me think outside of the box."

Madeline Grdina,
senior

Tuned in

Enjoying the sounds of Beethoven's "The Moonlight Sonata," Maya Gandin, senior, also developed a fondness for popular music of today such as "Clocks" by Cold Play. "It always relaxes me when I play what I want, but it gets frustrating when I can't get it right," Maya said.



Musicians

VS

Dancers

"I've been singing ever since I can remember. There has always been music in my family and so I've always been around it. In music you get to express feelings and emotion in a way that other people can enjoy and relate to. A love for music and a love for poetry mixed with the ability to play an instrument always results in an inspiration to write and perform."

Steve Alspach,
senior

"I've been dancing since I was four. I've done jazz, waltz, hip-hop, the dance team, and the Indiana Danz Force. A lot of people don't realize how hard it is. It's very intense. You have to do a routine in two minutes, and it has to be perfected by 18 girls. Unlike other sports, dance is this time or no time."

Melissa Cray,
senior



Kurtis Bruhn

Dan Budilovsky: Academic Team 10-11; German 9-12; Track 10, 12; Wrestling 9
Kirstin Bularzik: Band 9-11; German 9-12 (treas. 10, sec. 12); Academic Team 9-12; Wrestling 9-12; Auditorium Staff 9-12 (Stage Manager 11, Production Manager 12); Theater 9-12; Thespian 11-12; NHS 12
Nick Burchfield: Football 9-11; Basketball 9; Ping Pong 12
Ryan Burke: Academic Team 9-10; NHS 11-12



Alyce Nicole Carlson: Soccer 9, 10, 12; Ping Pong 11-12; Cross Country 12; Track 10
Jason Thomas Carr: Band 9-12; Jazz Band 9, 11-12
Anthony N. Carrillo: Football 9-12
Armando Casas: NHS 11-12; Spanish 9; Ping Pong 9; Academic Team 11-12; Project X 9
Anne Chambers: Ensembles 10-12



Rohini Chatterjee: Speech/Debate 9-2; Tennis 9, 11-12; Academic Team 9-11; NIS 11-12; Spanish 9
Bryan Chovanec: Swimming 9-12 (capt. 12)
Brandon Chynoweth: Soccer 9-10, Academic Team 9-12 (pres. 12); NHS 11-12 (pres. 12); Project X 10; French 9-12 (treas. 11); CEC 9-12 (treas. 11); Principal's Award for Excellence 10
Antonio Cisneros: Spanish 9-12 (pres. 12)
Emily Jane Clark: Student Govt. 10-12; NHS 11-12; Project X 9-12; Soccer 9-10; Ping Pong 9 12; SADD 10-11; Spanish 9-10; Drama 10-11; We the People 12; Speech/Debate 10, 11; Track 9-10; African Drum 11-12; Art 11; Baseball Man. 11-12; DECA 10



Evan Compton: Swimming 10-12; German 9-12
Jessica Conger: Theatre 9-12 (2nd vice pres. 12); Thespian 11-12; Speech/Debate 9-12 (hist. 12); Auditorium Staff 10-12 (Ast. House Manager 12); NHS 11-12; Spanish 10; Ensembles 12; Musical 9-12
Jennifer Julia Conley: Soccer 9-12; NHS 11-12; Spanish 9-10; Spanish Honors 11-12; CEC 9-10
Ashley Rachel Cook: Swimming 9-11; Spanish 9-10; ASL 11; NHS 11-12; Ping Pong 12; Project X 9-11; Pub Photographer 12
Andrea Coulis: NHS 11-12; Cheerleader 9-12 (capt. 10, 12); SADD 9-11; Student Govt. 11-12; Baseball Man. 11; We the People 12; Project X 9; Spanish 9; Track 9; Ping Pong 9-12; Homecoming Court 12



Melissa Crary: Dance Team 9-12 (capt. 11), ASL 10-11; Project X 9-10; NHS 11, 12
Niko Culic: Soccer 9-12 (capt. 12); SADD 10-12; ASL 12; Track 9; Ping Pong 10
Natalie N. Culp: Color Guard 9-12; Band 9-12; Fashion 10-11; ASL 10; Basketball 9
Benjamin DeBoer: Band 0-12; Jazz Band 9-12; Auditorium Staff 9-11
Allison Lynn DeBoid: Spanish 10; Project X 12



Jake DeYoung

Matthew Donnowitz: Football 9; Baseball 9-11

Kim Dooley: Dance Team 9; CTC 11; SADD 9, 11-12; NHS 11-12; African Drum 11-12; Speech 9-12; Theatre 10-12
Alanya Dortch: Swimming 9-10, 12
Lauren Drosos

Busy Bodies

seniors

Top of the ranks

Leaders

VS

Joiners

"I always liked to get involved. It looks good on a college application and a range of different things. I wanted to become President of NHS because it was interesting and I wanted to run for it so I could be more involved."

Brandon Chenoweth,
senior

"I joined clubs to make myself look attractive to colleges. I was involved in NHS, Spanish Club, ping-pong, and art. Joining clubs won't effect me in college at all; but by only joining one or two, you could put more time and dedication towards one of them."

Peter Puthenveetil,
senior

Three Sport

VS

Specialist

"Being in three sports I am constantly in shape, I always have something to do, and I get the rush of performing for a crowd year round. Some disadvantages to being in so many sports are that I don't always get to go out with my friends as much as I want to, and if practice goes late, then I have to stay up late doing homework."

Grant Felgenhaur,
senior

"It was beneficial to just swim because it allowed me to have my mind-set and focus on one thing. With three sports you could be good at all three but when you focus on one, you can be great. Focusing on swimming has given me a lot of opportunities for recruiters from many different colleges, it also gave me a lot of recognition."

Julie Feingold,
senior

Daniel Drudge
James Economou

Jacquelyne Elman
Jake Ernd: Football 9-12; Baseball 9, 11-12

Aren Farkas: Color Guard
Farha Farooq: Spanish 10-12; Project X 10-12; SADD 11-12; Speech/Debate 12

Sara Farooq: Speech/Debate 11-12; Spanish 10-12 (vice pres. 12); Track 10; Project X 10-12; SADD 11-12; NHS 12
Julie Feingold: Swimming 9-12 (capt. 12); NHS 11-12; ASL 11

Grant M. Felgenhaur: Soccer 9-12; Swimming 9-12 (capt. 12); Track 9-12
Rodrigo Fernandez-De-Cordova

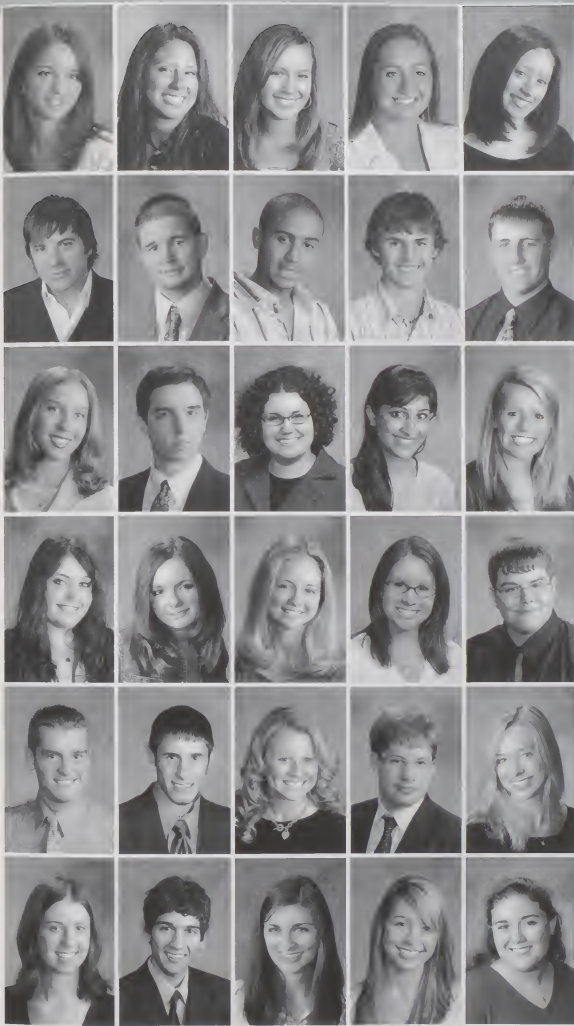
Kenneth J. Florek: Football 9-12; Track 9
Kelly Frank: Basketball 9-12; Basketball 9-10; Softball 10-12



Hit it off

As an undefeated ping-pong team, seniors Emily Clark and Andrea Coulis enjoy the fun of after school activities.

"It was great because I got to hang out with friends and meet new people," Emily said.



Danielle Fuentes: Track 9-12; Spanish 10-11; Project X 11; German 11
Amanda Garcia: Swimming 9-10; Spanish 9
Lauren Nicole Gaskew: Volleyball 9-12 (capt. 12); Spanish 9-12; Ping Pong 9-10, 12; DECA 12; ASL 12
Maya Gendlin: Swimming 9-12
Ilissa Alexandra Gershman: Dance Team 9-12; ASL 11; NHS 11-12

Jonathan Ghezzi
Zackery Allen Glasen: Football 9-11; Track 10, 12
Carmelo Gonzalez
Scott Goodwin: Speech/Debate 10-12; Theatre 10-12 (Student Dir. 12); We the People 12; African Drum 11-12; Ensembles 12; Ping Pong 9
Stephen Gorman

Sarah Grabarczyk: Colorguard 9-11; Band 10-12; Art 9-12; French 9-11; Golf 10-12; Auditorium Staff 10-11
Michael R. Graczyk: Academic Team 9-12; NHS 11-12; Auditorium Staff 9-12
Madeline Therese Grdina: Amnesty International 9-11; German 9-12 (vice pres. 11); Golf 9-10, Speech/Debate 9-12; IU Honors 11
Soumya Gupta: Amnesty International 9; Spanish 9-12; NHS 11-12; SADD 9-12; Project X 9-12, Track 9; NFL 11-12; Speech/Debate 10-12
Meghan Ellen Guthrie: Soccer 9-12; speech/Debate 9-10; Diving 10; Ping Pong 11-12; French 11-12 (pres. 12)

Ashley Hack: French 9, 11-12; German 10-12; DECA 10-11
Jessica L. Hajduk: Basketball 9; German 9-12; Bowling 9-12
Katharine Hamilton: Basketball 9-11; Volleyball 9-12; NHS 11-12; Project X 10-12
Amy Hammermeister: Project X 10-12; German 10
Robert Hansen: Auditorium Staff 12

Mike Harker: Ping Pong 12; Project X 9-10; Spanish 9
Brian T. Harrigan: Academic Team 9, 11, 12, French 12
Alexa Harris: Dance Team 9-12 (capt. 11); NHS 11-11; Spanish 9-10; Student Govt. 9-12
Andrew Harvey
Kimberly Hasse: Cheerleader 9-12 (capt. 10, co-capt. 12); Student Govt. 9-12; SADD 11-12; DECA 12; NHS 11-12; Homecoming Queen 12

Kimberly Hawkins: French 9-12; German 10-12; NHS 11-12; Tennis 9-10; Orchestra 9-12
Satya Hegde: SADD 12; Speech/Debate 11-12; French 12
Rachel Lynn Heinrich: Dance 9-10 (capt. 10); Project X 9, 11-12; NHS 12; German 10, 12 (treas. 11); Art 9; Theatre 11, 12; ASL 11, 12 (sec. 12)
Claudia Hernandez
Lindy Hernandez: Spanish 9-12; Ensemble 11-12; Project X 11; African Drum 12; Spanish Honor Society 12

Jugglers seniors

Top of the ranks

Workaholic **VS** School focused

"Sometimes when I worked until 11 p.m. or midnight, it got hard for me to concentrate and even made me fall asleep in some of my boring classes. But a job is a good idea because you have experience for when you older, and if you never experienced it you might not know how to handle the responsibility. Working did take away my social life, but it gave me money to pay for gas."

Rachel Heinrich,
senior

"My after school activities and time commitments all effect my decision of not working. I have time after school to participate in activities that I love. I don't have to plan my week around my work schedule. I have more freedom to go out with friends. But by not working I don't have as much spending money, and I won't have as much saved for college when that time rolls around."

Scott Goodwin,
senior

Baby-sitting **VS** Clocking in

"Baby-sitting was good because I got paid cash, but it usually went straight towards my gas. When I first started I was so stressed out, but I got used to doing it. Both of my jobs are really good. I mean I got to play game cube with a three year old, and at Walgreen's I made more than most of my friends."

Dayanna Alvarado,
senior

"Working prepares you for the future. It's money for now, and later for college. Working not only puts money in my pocket, but it keeps me busy. When you don't work you always have to beg your parents for money. Working teaches you a lot and helps you in school. It taught me how to be responsible and manage my time better."

Mary Ann Spulnik,
senior

Crack a smile

Clothes and blanket in hand, senior Tamiko Toyama prepares to leave for We the People State competition. "I joined because I wanted to learn more about government," Tamiko said. "I didn't have time to join Debate, so the two or three competitors in We the People allowed me to participate in some form of debate."



Patrick Higgins: Wrestling 12; Football 11-12
Danny Hmurovic



Stephanie Hoffman: Soccer 9-12 (capt. 11-12); Basketball 9-11
Elyse Jenna Holloway: Art 9-11 (sec. 10, vice pres. 11); NHS 11-12; Ping Pong 10-12; Academic Team 9-12; Band 9-12; Orchestra 10-12; Council 11-12 (vice pres. 12); Theatre 9-10



Abigail Porter Homans: Swimming 9-12 (capt. 12); IU Honors 11
Jini Hubbard: DECA 12



Hannah Elyse Huebner: Amnesty International 9-10; Art 10; Speech/Debate 10-12; French 11-12
Michael Hughes: Wrestling 9; Diving 9; Speech/Debate 9-12; Theatre 10-12; Ensembles 10-12; Auditorium Staff 9-10; All-State Choir 12

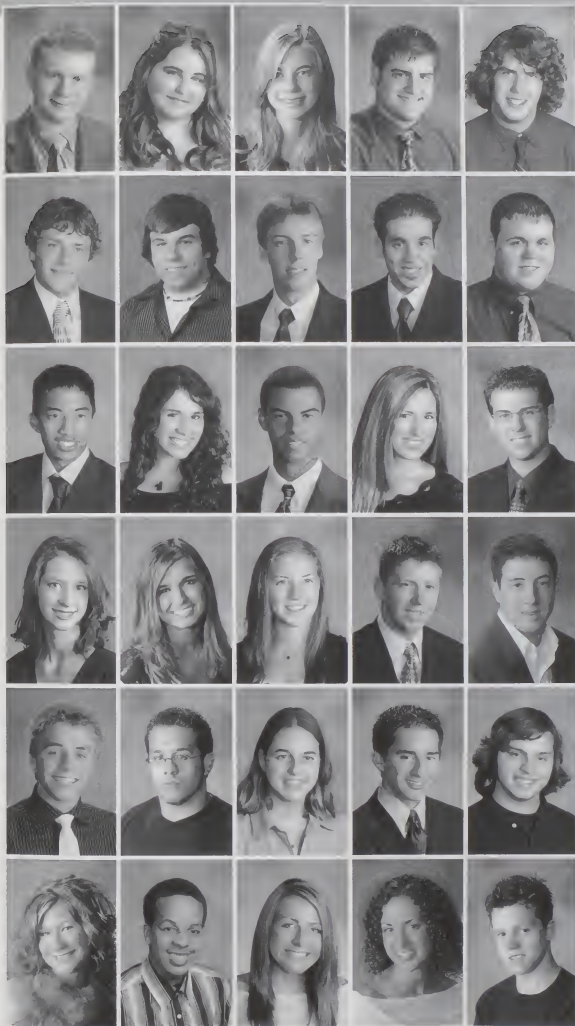


Afshan Hussain
Travis Irvin



Jennifer Noelle Jamicich: Cross Country 9-12 (capt. 11-12); Track 9-12 (capt. 11-12); Basketball 9; NHS 11-12; CEC 12; Hoosier Girls' State 11; Principal's Award of Excellence 11
Milena Janevski: Band 9-12; Art 11; Swim/Diving 9-10; ASL 11





Casey Jedrzczak: Tennis 9-11; Project X 11-12;
Debate 11-12; Academic Team 11-12; Principal's
Advisory Team 11; We the People 12
Abigail Lee Jercha: Ensembles 9-10; Spanish 9-10;
Theatre 10-11
Amie Johnson: Soccer 9; DECA 10-11; Art 10; ASL
11-12
Michael Jones
Kurt Jorgensen

Bryan Joseph: Soccer 9-10; Tennis 12
Anthony Jurkash
Joseph O. Kasenga: Academic Team 9-12; German
11-12; Jazz Band 9-12; Orchestra 10, 12, Band 9-12;
NHS 11-12; Hoosier Boys' State 11
Dimitri Katsapas
Dan Kenzel: Band 10

Jose Kho: Track 11; Ping Pong 11-12
Amanda Hope Kilbarda: Dance Team 9-10 (capt.
10); CEC 11-12; Speech/Debate 10-12; Theatre 10-12;
African Drum 11-12; Ping Pong 10; Ensembles
12; NHS 11-12
Andrew Kitchell: Tennis 9-12 (capt. 12); Track 9
Kristina Kovacevich: Orchestra 9-12 (concert
master 12); Spanish 9-12; Speech/Debate 9-10;
Ensembles 10; NHS 12; Camerata 9-12
Jeff Kovach: German 9-12

Brooke A. Kozlowski: Cheerleader 9-10, 12;
Ensemble 10-12; Theatre 10-11; African Drum
11-12
Stefanie Krasie: Soccer 9-10; NHS 11-12; CEC
11-12; Speech/Debate 10-12; DECA 10; Theater 11;
Project X 10; SADD 10; Ping Pong 10
Theresa Elizabeth Kretz: Swimming 9-12 (capt.
12); NHS 11-12; SADD 10-11; Project X 10; Track 9;
Speech/Debate 11-12; French 9-12 (vice pres. 12)
Jacob R. Kunz: Baseball 9-12; Ping Pong 12; SADD
11; French 11-12
William J. Leary: Swimming 9-12

Michael Joseph LeBeau: Wrestling 10, 12; Ping
Pong 9
Alex Lebo
Sharon Lee: Band 9-12; Wind Ensemble 9-12;
Color Guard 11; Ensembles 10-12; Auditorium
Staff 10-12; Softball 9; Track 11; Orchestra Pit 11-12;
NHS 11-12; German 9-12
Matt Lemus: Track 10; Jazz Band 9, 11-12; Band
9-12
Adam Lerner: German 11-12

Brittany Allyce Lewis: Cheerleader 9-10; Diving
11-12; Track 9; CEC 9-12 (pres. 9)
David Linnear: Swimming 9-12 (capt. 12); Jazz
Band 9, 11-12; Band 9-12
Lauren Lipton: Basketball 9; Track 9-10; Soccer
9-12
Katherine Lissy: Tennis 9; Volleyball 9-12; SADD
10-12; CEC 12; French 11-12
Daniel Lodge: Swimming 9-10; Diving 11-12

Class Leaders

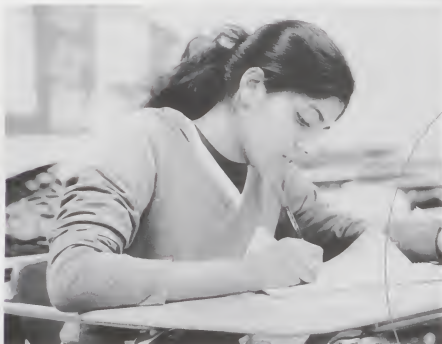
seniors

Top of the ranks

The final word

Focused on perfecting her speech, Roli Mandana, senior, prepares for a debate meet. "I was in [high school] to

learn and actually get something out of my years here," Roli said. "It was important to be involved in a lot of activities."



Roli Mandana, Valedictorian

What drove you toward your accomplishments?

"I always wanted to try my best and do the best I could for myself, and push myself to my full potential."

What was the biggest achievement during your senior career?

"Not just being involved in extracurriculars but also in the community. I've been involved in youth services and also in the Indian community."

What does being the "top of the class" mean to you?

"It was really exciting and also really competitive. Any one in the Top 10 could have had it. I also realized it didn't mean I was the best. I knew that there were others out there who were just as good, if not better."

Shoba Pai, Salutatorian

Why did you become involved in school?

"A lot of my interests fell in academics such as speech, which allowed you to express your self. Not every meet was great, but the drive, motivation, and satisfaction motivated me to do well."

What was your greatest accomplishment over your high school career?

"Being in a lot of activities and being able to handle it and enjoy them. Handling all the things I did made me the person I am."

If you could leave a legacy behind, what would it be?

"The work ethic I have. You should do anything your heart tells you. If it makes you happy, that's what you should do. And if you're stressed but you love it, then still pursue it and everything will work itself out in the end."



In the cards

Consulting her notecards, Shoba Pai, senior, presents her *We the People* speech to history and government classes before a competition. "Working hard was really big to me," Shoba said. "Even when I started, I wasn't that great, but working at it made me better."

National Merits

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Michael Graczyk

Roli Mandana

Mike McNicholas

Thomas Paliga

John Wadas



Timothy Lukoshus: Football 9-12 (capt. 12); Baseball 9-12; Basketball 9-10; NHS 11-12
Vanessa Mahns
Natalie Manchak: Color Guard 10-12; Spanish 9-11; Golf 11
Roli Mandhana: Spanish 9-10; Academic Team 9-12 (vice pres. 12); Tennis 9-11; NHS 11-12; Speech Debate 10-12; Valedictorian
Monica Lynn Manoski: Volleyball 9-12 (capt. 11-12); Spanish 9-10; Basketball 9; Track 9; Project X 9-11; Tennis 10; Principal's Award of Excellence 9

Daniel Manuel: Swimming 9-10
Joe Marciniak: Auditorium Staff 10-12 (stage manager 12); Theatre 10-12
Jeff Marinier: Basketball 9-12; Student Govt. 9-12 (vice pres 12); NHS 11-12; Principal's Award for Excellence 11
Matthew Matz: German 9-12
Jason Matyasovich

Erich D. Maul: Football 9-12; Wrestling 9-12 (capt. 12); Track 9; German 10-12; NHS 11-12
Samantha Michelle McCarthy: Volleyball 9-10; Spanish 11; Ping Pong 11; NHS 11-12
Jennifer McCreight: Golf 9-12 (capt. 12); Academic Team 9-12; Art 9-12 (treas. 10, pres. 11-12); NHS 12; Crier Cartoonist 10 12
Clare McCulloch: Ping Pong 9; Spanish 9-11; Ensemble 10-12; Theatre 10-12; Project X 11-12; SADD 11-12; Swimming 9; All-State Choir 11-12
Michael McIntyre: DECA 10 12

Michael F. McNicholas: Golf 9-12; NHS 11-12 (treas. 12); Ping Pong 9-12; French 11-12
David McWilliams: Football 9; Track 9, 12; Ping Pong 9 10, 12
Ferdinand Medina: Football 9; Baseball 9; Ping Pong 10-11
Allison Christine Meggers: Basketball 9; German 10-12; African Drum 12
Brian Meyers

Jennifer Lynn Michalski: Swimming 9-10; Project X 9-10; Ping Pong 11; CEC 10
John Mihich: NHS 12; Auditorium Staff 9-12; Theatre 10-12; Band 9-12
Ben Milbrath: Band 9-12; Jazz Band 11-12; Spanish 11-12
Anna Millies
Deana Miskimins: Band 9-12; German Club 9-10

Naina Moeller: German foreign exchange student
Lester Montes: Track 10; Academic Team 11-12
Amber Jasmin Morrow: Dance Team 10, Project X 9
Tim Moseley
Yariria L. Murillo: Spanish 12

Slackers

seniors

Top of the ranks

Up at 5 a.m.

"Waking up early was something the whole team did together. Team support was what really helped me get through it. Kids who complained about waking up at 7 a.m. should've tried to wake up for zero hour or practice and see how that compared to just waking up for school. The worst part was the alarm. When it went off I knew I would have to get up or I would be late, plus there was no snooze button."

Theresa Kretz,
senior

Involved

"My friends and I were in Ping Pong because it was fun to do. Being a senior I got hard to get motivated to go to everything when I was about to graduate. It got hard when trying to be in more than one club, especially when they met at the same time."

Emily Clark,
senior

Late start

"I wasn't a morning person. By coming late to school I got a lot of tardies which led to detentions. But, other than first hour, I was never late to my other classes. Kids who came in early might have been more awake, but in the end they were worn out and tired all day. If I could go back I would definitely try to come on time, but it was hard because I didn't have my own car."

Amber Marrow,
senior

Senioritis

"It came to the point where you got so excited for college that homework and studying weren't the top priorities. [Senior year] was a time to have a good time and relax, but you still had to get your work done in the process."

Shawn Spicer,
senior

Fareed Musa
Lindsey Newell

Danielle Niemann: Band 9-12; Swimming 9-11; German 10
Stephen Norby

Stephanie Ann O'Connor: French 9-12; Cheerleader 9-10
Angela Genette Osterman: CEC 9-11; Cross Country 9-11; SADD 11

Shobha Pai: Speech / Debate 9-12 (treas. 11, pres. 12); Tennis 9-12; Student Govt. 9-12 (sec. 12); NHS 11-12; Project X 9-12; Ensembles 9-12; Academic Team 11-12; All-State Choir 11; Theatre 10,12; Hoosier Girls' State 11; Spanish 9-11; Salutatorian Tom Paliga: Track 9; Football 9-10; Wrestling 11; Basketball Manager 10; Volleyball Manager 12

Daphne Pantazis: Color Guard 9-12; Band 10; French 10-12
Jasmine Montea Pappas: German 9; Spanish 9

Alyson Patton
Ajay P. Patwari: Tennis 9; Speech / Debate 9, 11-12; Academic Team 9-12; Ping Pong 9-12; Spanish 9-12; French 9-11; German 9-11; SADD 9-12; Project X 9-12; NHS 11-12

Rest assured

With a second to spare for shut eye, Illissa Gershman, senior, rests after completing her notes in Mrs. Janet Tobias's Anatomy class. "I always finished all of

my work before I slept in class," Illissa said. "Sometimes when we weren't doing anything I took it as an opportunity to rest for my next class."





Richard B. Paulson: Football 9-12; French 9
Alexandra Maria Pavlovich: Speech / Debate 9-12; Council (hist. 12); Theatre 10-12; French 12; Soccer 9
Anthony Faz: Band 9-12
Nicole Peach: ASL 12; Spanish 9
Katie Pearman: Spanish 10-11; German 10 11; Art 11



Alex Buchanan Peck: Football 9-11, Basketball 9-12
Kevin Lee Penman: Project X 9
Bryan Perkins:
Stephanie A. Perz: Swimming 9-12; ASL 11-12
Kevin Phelan: Ping Pong 11-12; Basketball 9; Football 9



Heather Phipps: Speech / Debate 9-12 (capt 11-12); Theatre 9-12 (pres. 12); French 9-12 (vice pres. 12); Academic Team 9-12; Ihespian 11-12; Auditorium Staff 10-12 (House Manager 12); Ensembles 12; NHS 11-12; Color Guard 9; Tennis 9
Alyson Filawski: Orchestra 9-12; French 9; German 10; DECA 10; Project X 12
Kimberly Price: Soccer 9-11
Frank Pukoszek: Band 9-11
Stephanie Pulido: Basketball 9; German 10-12



Peter Puthenveetil: NHS 11-12; Soccer 9-10; Spanish 11; Art 11; Ping Pong 11 12, Academic Team 11-12
Daniel Rak: Track 9-11; German 12
Tom Ramus: Football 9-12; Ping Pong 10, 12; Speech 11-12
Gina Elizabeth Rebecso: Volleyball 9-11; Student Govt. 9; CEC 10-12 (sec. 10, pres 11-12); Project X 9-11
Lucia Rigo: Swimming 9 10; Paragon photographer 11



Jacob Rivera:
Tim Roberts: Football 11 12
John Rogers: Tennis 9-10, 12; Ping Pong 9; Jazz Band 12
Robert Romano:
Stana Romic: French 9-10, 12; German 9-10; Project X 9-10; SADD 11



Amanda Danielle Roque: Cross Country 9-12; Spanish 10
Kristen Marie Rueth: Basketball 11-12; ASL 12; NHS 11-12; Project X 11-12
Scott Rutkowski: French 11 12 (trav. 12); Football 9; Basketball 9-12
Mark W. Sain: Football 10
Alex Sakelaris:

Bullies

seniors

Top of the ranks

Under class

VS

Upper class

"Getting written on [during Homecoming] really didn't matter to me, because I'm going to do it when I'm a senior. It's ok because it was a tradition and they did it to me, and I let them do it to me so I could eventually do it to the younger kids."

Erick Ferrer,
freshman

"It was tradition and it was fun letting them know that we were at the top of the school. None of the seniors took it too far. Everyone basically used lipstick to write 2006 on their foreheads. It was never meant to hurt or pick out certain freshmen. They knew coming here what to expect, and I was only continuing a tradition that even happened to me."

Jenny Michalski,
senior

Traditional

VS

Nonconformist

"It happened to us when we were freshmen. Plus, they were the rookies and we had to show them whose ground this was. It sucked when I was a freshman I got it a lot, and I couldn't stop them. Being a senior I finally got to cut in line and rule the school."

Mike Sealy,
senior

"I thought it was silly. I didn't feel the need to assert my seniority over them. The freshmen already knew that they were freshmen, and they were probably scared enough as it was. I didn't think it needed to be stopped, because it was never violent, but I would've never done it."

Lisa Sobilo,
senior

Erika Karina Salazar: Auditorium Staff
9-10, 12; Art 12; Speech 10
Amy Saltanavitz

Tom Sapya: Soccer 9-12; Wrestling 9, 11;
DECA 12
Dustin Schmidt

Nathan Schmidt
Michael Ryne Sealy: Basketball 9-11;
Football 9; Baseball 9-12 (capt. 12); Ping
Pong 12

Cylas Sefton
Amanda M. Seligman: Softball 9; Project
X 10

Ashir Shah
Nicholas Alan Shelton: Track 9; Soccer
9-12; Ping Pong 9-10

David Siukola
Matthew Skertich: Football 9; Track 9-10;
Cross Country 10-11; Basketball 9

Face paint

Sullenly parading his teams "artwork", Dan Creagh, sophomore, sits alongside teammate Philip Chiang, junior, in Ceramics class.





Kevin M. Smith:
Brad Snedden: Football 9; Basketball 9-10
David Snuckel: Football 9-11; Track 10-12
Lisa Marie Sobilo: NHS 11-12; French 11-12 (pres. 12); Art 10-12; German 11-12; Project X 11-12; Volleyball 10
Sara Nicole Soeka: Diving 9; French 9



Raymond Sowa
Shawn M. Spicer: Basketball 9-10; Football 10-12; German 12
Mary Ann Spolnik: Softball 9-12; Basketball 9; Volleyball 9; SADD 10; Project X 10, 12; Ping Pong 11
Daniel Spungen: Ping Pong 9-12; Speech 9-10
Matthew Spyra



Victoria A. Sroka: Band 9-12
Sarah Standley
Anna Maria Stariha: Softball 9; Spanish 9-11; French 10-11; German 12; Art 9; Speech/Debate 9-11
Chris Stassin
Sarah Steele: Soccer 9; Cross Country 10-12; ASL 11-12



Sofia Aleka Stefanopoulos: Project X 10; SADD 11; Theatre 11-12; Speech/Debate 9; Art 9, 12
Andy Stevens: Project X 9-10; Football 9; Track 10
Candice Marie Stewart
Gina Stoffregen: Speech/Debate 9-10; Project X 10-12; SADD 11-12; Academic Team 10; NHS 11-12; Pub photographer 11-12 (head photog 12)
Nicholas Andrew Stolarz: Basketball 9-12; NHS 11-12; CEC 9-12 (vice pres 9-12)



David Strain: Debate 9-11; Project X 9-10; French 9-10; German 9-10
Billy Stuart: Football 9-12 (capt. 12); Baseball 9-12 (capt. 12); NHS 11-12; Basketball 9
Matthew Studniarz: Football 9
Jordan Elizabeth Sunderland: Cheerleader 9-12 (capt. 12); Track 9, 11; Ping Pong 11; Project X 9-10; ASL 11; Spanish 9-10
Lance Surma: Wrestling 9-12



Ashley Taylor: Diving 11
Matthew Steven Tepperman: Band 9-12; Jazz Band 9-11; Speech 9-12 (council 11-12); Theatre 9, 12; Thespian 11-12; Ensemble 12; NHS 11-12
Elizabeth Thompson: Volleyball 9-10; Basketball 9-12; Softball 9, 12; CEC 11 Student Govt 12; NHS 11-12; Spanish 9-10; ASL 11-12 (pres. 12); Project X 9-10
Celeste Tiberi: Volleyball 9; Spanish 9-11; Project X 10-12; Ping Pong 9-12
Brent Tomczak

Superfans

seniors

Top of the ranks

Warming up.

Before a February basketball game, seniors Jackie Yerga and Mike Sealy roast hot dogs on the fire and try to stay warm while tailgating outside the fieldhouse.



Maximilian Topete: Debate 9; Tennis 9; Swimming 10; German 9-12 (pres. 11-12)
Chris Topor: German (pres. 12)



Alex Toth: Basketball 9; Baseball 9-12; French 11-12; SADD 10-11
Tamiko Jill Toyama: Cheerleader 9-12; Cross Country 10-12; Track 9-10; Student Govt. 9-12 (pres. 12); SADD 9-12 (vice pres. 11-12); Spanish 9-11 (sec./treas. 11); Debate 9-11; Project X 9-11; NHS 11-12; Hoosier Girls' State 11; We the People 12; School Improvement Team 12



Seniority:

■ What made tailgating special?

"Everyone got together and showed how much spirit the Class of 2006 really had."

Andrew Kitchell,
senior

"Being with your friends and getting pumped for the game."

Chris Bakker,
senior

"All the seniors got together and organized it. It showed how the class could come together and accomplish something."

Libbie Thompson,
senior

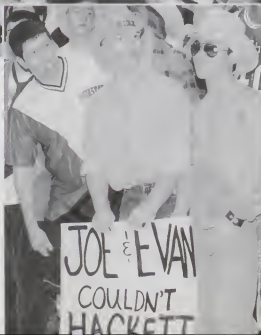
"Everybody getting together. Showing school spirit, and listening to Brad [Snedden] screaming through the megaphone."

Nik Vasich,
senior



Top 10 Chants

1. "This is our house"
2. "Sit down, shut up"
3. "We can't hear you"
4. "Talk it over"
5. "You can't do that"
6. "We are Munster"
7. "Boom chica boom"
8. "1,2,3, point"
9. "This is boring"
10. "Overrated"



Super sign

Playing against Lake Central earlier in the season, two former teammates returned to Munster to face off against their old school. "We knew we were going against some old friends when we played Lake Central this year," Billy Stuart, senior, said. "So we wanted to make a sign about it."

Hands up

Dressed in all black with high socks, superfans hold up their red towels waiting for a free throw shot at Sectionals. "Cheering for all the players at games was great," Tim Lukoshus, senior, said. "Even before the game we greeted them as they arrived to show our support for the team."



Alyssa Tremaine

Kevin Trotman

Robert Urbanowicz: Football 9; Track 10

Egle Vaitekute: Art 9-10; DECA 10-11; Cross

Country 10-12

Elyse Nicole Van Camp: Dance 10-12 (capt. 10,12);

ASL 12

Aric James Van Weelden: Basketball 9-12 (capt. 12); French 11-12

Tiffany Varney

Nikola Vasic: Wrestling 10; Spanish 11

Joshua Vega: Soccer 10-12

Ian Allan Rivers Vera: Track 9-10; Ping Pong 10-12; Wrestling 10

Melissa Victor: Color Guard 9-12 (capt. 12);

Band 9-12; Auditorium Staff 9-12; Theatre 9-

12; Thespan 10-12; Jazz Band 11; NHS 11-12;

Orchestra 10

Nich Volkman: Football 9-11; Track 9-12; Ping

Pong 11

Kathryn Marie Vroom: Softball 9-10; French 9-11

John J. Wadas: Band 9-12; Jazz Band 9-12;

Orchestra 10; Football 9; NHS 11-12; Academic

Team 10-12

Kyle Wade: Basketball 9-10; SADD 10; Ping Pong

12; Track 12

Lane Annette Wagner: Diving 9; Spanish 9; Project

X 9; Student Govt. 9-10; NHS 11-12; DECA 12

Tim Wasem: Golf 9-12; Tennis 9; Ping Pong 11

Kaylyn Watterson: Soccer 9-11; Ensembles 10-12;

Speech 9-10; NHS 11-12; IU Honors

Casey J. Webb

Mark Webster: Orchestra 9-12; NHS 11-12; Art

11-12; Speech 9; DECA 9; Spanish 9; Amnesty

International 11

Sean Allen Weichman: Football 9

Lindsay E. Weiss: Tennis 9-12; Project X 9-11 (vice

pres. 11); NHS 11-12; CEC 11-12; We the People 12;

Speech/Debate 9

Matthew Westerlund: Student Govt. 9-12 (sec. 12);

SADD 9-12 (treas. 10, pres 11-12); NHS 11-12 (vice

pres. 12); Project X 9-11; Baseball 9-10; Basketball

9-10; National Merit Commended Student; IU

Honors

Danny White: Cross Country 9-12; Ping Pong

10-12; Diving 11; Track 9-12 (capt. 12)

Elizabeth M. Wible: Speech/Debate 9-11; German

9-11; French 9-12; Golf 9-10; Amnesty International

9-11

Brian Williams: Wrestling 9-10

Jacquelyn Anne Yerga: ASL 12 (vice pres. 12);

SADD 11-12; Project X 11-12; Volleyball 9-10;

Softball 9-12; Basketball 9-12 (capt. 10-12); Cross

Country 12

Molly Mae Yothmett: Softball 9-12; Basketball 9;

Spanish 11; Project X 11; NHS 11-12

Joseph Zagorski

Eric Zyglowicz: Theatre; Auditorium Staff (Tech

Director 12)

Ms. Christine Barajas: Westlake Special Education
 Ms. Denise Barajas: Westlake Aide
 Ms. Christine Barajas: Westlake teacher
 Ms. Sharon Bartel
 Dr. Timothy Bartlett: Vocal Music Director, Ensembles, Musical Director, Music Dept. Rep
 Mr. Brent Barton: Westlake Special Education



Ms. Laura Bonaguro: West Lakes Aide
 Mr. Larry Brechner: Auditorium Director, Drama Director
 Mrs. Donna Buck: Westlake Aide
 Miss Jennifer Bulla: English, Speech Coach, Sophomore Class
 Ms. Dawnmarie Bulut: Westlake Aide
 Mr. Brian Clark: English, Boys' Golf, Ass't Football, Ass't Wrestling



Mr. Bruce Curme: Physics
 Mr. Jim Davidson: Industrial Technology, Girls' Golf, Ass't Girls' Basketball
 Mr. Gary Davis: Physical Education, Lifesaving
 Mrs. Carrie Diombala: Non-educational Aide
 Mrs. Therese Dristas: English



Mrs. Christina Engle: Westlake Special Education
 Mr. Carl Fields: Art
 Mrs. Carol Florence: Guidance Counselor, Guidance Dept. Rep
 Mr. Don Fortner: Economics, Speech and Debate Coach, Ass't Girls' Volleyball
 Mr. Dave Franklin: Science, Project Biology, Science Dept. Chair



Mr. Al Gandolfi: Assistant Principal
 Mrs. Rachel Garrett: Westlake Interpreter
 Mrs. Barb Gibbons: Westlake Aide
 Mr. Jeff Graves: Chemistry
 Ms. Laura Guill: English, French



Mr. Mike Hackett: Health, Outdoor Education, Head Boys' Basketball
 Mrs. Hallie Hammond: Science
 Mrs. Katie Harris: Math, Senior Class
 Mrs. Nancy Hastings: Journalism, Media Arts, *Paragon*, *Crier*, Quill and Scroll
 Miss Kelly Haussman: Chemistry



Who were they?

faculty

Mr. Larry Hautzinger: Science, Ass't. Boys' Swim
Mr. Arthur Haverstock: Science, Outdoor Education
Mr. John Huber: Social Studies, English

Mr. Matt Kalwasinski: Social Studies
Mrs. Dessie Kammer: Guidance Counselor
Mrs. Debbie Kelley: Main Office Secretary

Mr. Jack King: Assistant Dean of Students
Mrs. Renee Kouris: English, Technical Theater, Drama
Miss Carole Kozlowski: Westlake Aide

Mr. Marc Lehnerer: English, Speech, Sophomore Class, English Department Chair
Mrs. Linda Lemon: English
Mr. Kent Lewis: Business, DECA

Mrs. Elena Lopez: Ceramics
Ms. Paula Malinski: Physical Education, Physical Education Dept. Rep
Mr. Leroy Marsh: Health, Weight Training, Head Football Coach

Ms. Twila Marsh: Media Specialist, Student Government
Mrs. Alyce Mart-Webb: French, French Club
Mrs. Jeanne McCall: Principal's Secretary

"I found high school to be a very positive experience. My years involved with clubs and athletics affirmed my love of working with people. It also exemplified to me all that can be attained when working together towards a common goal."

Miss Twila Marsh,
librarian

"Going to an all girls school made me an assertive individual who is not afraid to lead a group of men."

Miss Valerie Pflum,
math teacher

How were they branded in high school

How well do you know your faculty and administration? Check your knowledge as you match the teacher with his/her high school image

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| 1. Ms. Valerie Pflum | A. Loner |
| 2. Mr. Al Gandalfi | B. Prep/jock |
| 3. Mr. David Russell | C. Rocker |
| 4. Mr. Steve Lopez | D. Homecoming King |
| 5. Mrs. Michelle Duffy | E. Homecoming Queen |
| 6. Mr. Steven Wroblewski | F. Grade-crazed |
| 7. Mrs. Janel Tobias | G. Principal's daughter |
| 8. Mrs. Alyce Mart-Webb | H. Theater kid |
| 9. Mr. Matt Kalwasinski | I. Nerd |
| 10. Mr. James McNabney | J. Prom Queen |

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Directing traffic

With a watchful eye, Mr. Steve Tripenteladas, principal, keeps tabs on students before the Homecoming pep rally. He attributed his

drive to his high school years. "[They] created a work ethic because I was doing many activities."

Mr. Rob McCall: English, Ass't Varsity
Football, Ass't Girls' Track
Mrs. Eileen Meier: German, German Club
Mr. Chris Miller: Social Studies
Ms. Holly Miller: English
Ms. Julie Moore: Business



Mrs. Teresa Needles: Westlake Special
Education
Mrs. Lori Nicholas: Media Assistant
Mrs. Kathy Olivetto: Guidance Counselor,
Dollars for Scholars
Ms. Valerie Pflum: Math, Ass't Girls' Soccer,
Ping Pong Club, Junior Class, National Honor
Society
Mrs. Jackie Podkul: Math, Freshman Class



Mrs. Pat Premetz: Math, Math Department
Chair, School Improvement Team Chair
Mrs. Sarah Ribar: Family/Consumer Science,
Freshman Cheerleading
Mrs. Marilyn Rizzo: Family and Consumer
Science
Ms. Alyssa Rodriguez: Math
Mr. David Russell: English, Creative Writing



Mrs. Judy Sayre: Westlake Aide
Mrs. Carol Schoen: Guidance Counselor
Mrs. Terese Schultz: Earth and Space Science,
Academic Team
Mrs. Georgia Sherman: Audio Visual
Technology
Mr. Bob Shinkan: Geometry, Head Boys'
Baseball Coach, Ass't Varsity Football,
Freshman Girls' Basketball



Miss Shonna Siegers: Earth and Space Science,
Academic Team
Mr. Mike Smith: Athletic Director
Mr. Joseph Sokol: Math, Senior Class
Mrs. Michelle Stan: Social Worker
Miss Alicia Stein: Math



Mrs. Rita Stopper: Media Assistant
Miss Sarah Szarmach: Social Studies, Student
Government, Academic Team
Mr. Chris Tomesi: Math
Mr. Steven Tripenfelds: Principal
Mrs. Charlene Tsoutsouris: Spanish, Foreign
Language Dept. Chair



administration and staff

Mr. Don Ullman: Chemistry
Mrs. Lisa Valent: Math

Mrs. Beth Vesa: Algebra, Head Girls'
Basketball Coach, Head Softball Coach
Miss Sarah Vicari: Biology

Mrs. Jan Watson: Westlake Special
Education
Mr. Jonas Wertin: English

Miss Andrea Williams: Westlake Aide
Mr. Steve Wroblewski: Math

Mr. Don Zeller: Assistant Principal,
Guidance
Mrs. Mary Ann Zubak: Westlake Aide

Who were they?

"I learned to like and accept myself regardless of what other kids valued as 'cool' or impressive. I learned to love and appreciate music and the fine arts. I also learned what does not impress the opposite sex."

Mr. James McNabney,
English teacher

"[The years in high school] reinforced the idea 'the more you give, the more you receive.' I was definitely involved. I was determined and filled with a desire to succeed. I learned that love hurts and I came to know that family and friends are the most important in life."

Mrs. Renee Kouris,
English teacher

What did they accomplish in high school?

How well do you know your faculty and administration? Check your knowledge as you match the teacher with his/her accomplishments.

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| 1. Mrs. Jackie Podkul | A. Shot put record |
| 2. Mr. Hal Coppage | B. Sang for the pope |
| 3. Ms. Katie Harris | C. 10 varsity letters |
| 4. Mr. William Woods | D. Third in class |
| 5. Mr. Steven Tripentfeldas | E. Paragon editor-in-chief |
| 6. Mrs. Lynn Schumacher | F. Double State Speech Champion |
| 7. Mrs. Eileen Meier | G. All-State Football |
| 8. Mrs. Linda Haynes | H. Wrestling 3rd at state |
| 9. Mr. Kent Lewis | I. Betty Crocker Homemaker award |
| 10. Ms. Jennifer Bulla | J. Valedictorian |

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Pull rank

After years of losing to the South teachers, Mr. Marc Lehnerer, English teacher, celebrates the North teacher's victory in the tug-of-war. "The South has won as long as I can remember because they have Premetz, and she pulls hard," Mr. Lehnerer said. Later, the teachers teamed up to face the juniors and pulled off a win. "It's always good for the kids to see us outside of the classroom," Mrs. Juliann Acevez, psychology teacher, said. "It increases the communication and relationship between us, because they not only see us as a teacher but also as a person."



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■ **WITH THE SUN IN HIS EYES**, Jason Pastrana, junior, sets the beat on his drums during the Homecoming parade.

■ **CAUGHT IN THE MOMENT OF A CHEER** before their swim meet, Alex Frakes, sophomore, and Stephanie Perz, senior, bounce off each other.

■ **IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE** class juniors Hallie Gibbs, Aubrey Gilbert, and Erin Goodman participate in a game.

"I am involved because it makes me who I am. It is my social life. I do not do much outside of school besides extracurriculars."

Elissa Moll,
junior





eat gossip dribble study jump yell **WHAT WE DO** zip write drive kick

This is **what we do**. When the bell sounds at 7:38 a.m., we **zip** up our bags **stuffed** with AP Biology and Spanish 2 books as we stop conversations and **rush** to class in the South building. While we sit through what often seems to be an eternity, we **count down** the minutes until 2:17 p.m. when we skip Contact Time and **bolt** out the doors only to be **stuck** in a jammed parking lot. However, over 70 percent of students **stay** for more than the 6 hours and 30 minutes class day. Athletes and club members arrive before and leave after the sun sets. Whether it's the Poms still **dancing** long past dinner, the Swim Team **diving** off the blocks at 5:25 a.m., or the Academic Team **drilling** before a Science Olympiad competition the next day, something is always happening. Once we arrive home, we can't just kick back and take it easy. We **TiVo** Laguna Beach because we've got to **bake** for the Project X cupcake bar and finish **reading** Romeo and Juliet, yet we still make time for ourselves. **Participating** in the events makes us Munster—it's **what we do**.

“Colleges look for the ‘total student. It’s good to get high grades, but you should participate in extracurricular activities to be well-rounded.”

David Goshay,
junior

“I feel it is important to be a part of the school even after 2:50 p.m. or 2:17 p.m. because without activities who’s to say the school is our school and not someone else’s.”

Sam Tantillo,
sophomore

“If I wasn’t involved in activities outside of school I would have to go home.”

Scott Goodwin,
senior

Heating a crucible over a bunsen burner, Petar Ogrizovich, sophomore, awaits the lab results in Mrs. Kelly Haussman’s chemistry class. “Labs helped me understand better,” Petar said. “You saw stuff happening instead of writing stuff down.”

Sticky fingers With a glue stick in her hand, Monica Manowski, senior, works on her creative photo album in Mrs. Linda Hayne's Advanced Painting class. "I liked art class because it was an escape from regular courses," Monica said. "I didn't have to sit and take notes, it was more hands on and creative."

Breathe easy In Mr. Gary Davis' Life Saving class, Ted Hanak, sophomore, prepares to resuscitate Will Leary, senior. Students were graded on how well they could perform life saving skills. "We learned a lot of valuable life lessons," Ted said.

Across the board With her concentration focused on the board, Marilyn Hansen, freshman, solves a problem in Mrs. Christina Engle's Pre-Algebra class. "When we did problems on the board, I was able to get more help," Marilyn said. "The teachers helped me to see my errors and mistakes. I got more one-on-one time."



Toss up In Community Park, Dulari Dave, junior, throws a tennis ball to Anas Musleh, freshman. Dulari participated in the Peer Tutoring class where students helped out with the Westlake Special Education program. "We would schedule activities like soccer, dodgeball and volleyball to do outside with the kids," Dulari said.



On the mark With a variety of Sharpie markers at hand, juniors Pete Brousalis and Dan Crisman color in

their graphic organizers for Mr. Bruce Curme's physics class. "The graphic organizer helped you review," Dan said.



Stuck on Success

With pressure from parents, students work long hours to make the grade

Pencil

"I want to become something great in life; and in order to that, I believe that I need to work hard."

Lauren Hudak, junior

in hand and a stack of books lying near, Meredith Brumm, sophomore, vigorously attacked her nightly homework. Meredith possessed the qualities of a driven student with constant family pressure, yet motivated by hopes to attend a good college someday.

"I want my family to be proud of me, and I don't want to disappoint them," Meredith said. "My family really pushes me to work harder on my schoolwork and academics."

While some students sought motivation in family matters, others drove themselves in different ways. Lauren Hudak, junior, found that being a perfectionist and never settling for anything less than her personal best provided stimulation.

"I want to become something great in life; and in order to that, I believe that I need to work hard," Lauren said. "It's a shame that those who slack off are wasting the times of the teachers that we have here, but they are only hurting themselves in the end."

While some students committed themselves to schoolwork and grades day in and day out, others chose to exert their energy in other areas. Whether

it was sports, school, friends, or something else, each student found their interests and catered to them.

"I definitely put my friends before school," Danielle Fuentes, senior, said. "It may not be a smart choice, but no one wants to give up their friends for homework. My parents once offered to pay for my car insurance if I raised my grades, but it just wasn't incentive enough to give up other things."

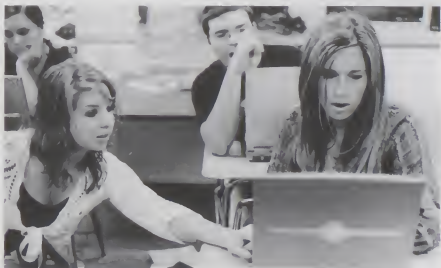
Similarly, Tim Lukoshus, senior, placed athletics before his schoolwork.

"Coaches always tell you to get your homework done, but then they keep you at school until 6 p.m. or 7 p.m.," Tim said. "If I'm too tired, I'll just not do my homework at night and hope for a break in school the next day."

While some students exerted their energy in other activities, others worked to their full potential inside the classroom during school.

After finishing the last of her assignments, Meredith put down her pen and rested her mind.

"If I got a C or lower, I would be grounded or forced to study," Meredith said. "My reward for getting good grades: I don't get in trouble."



On board Chalk in her hand, Ashley Arens, sophomore, writes out a proof in Geometry. "Everyone complained that proofs were difficult, but they made sense to me," Ashley said.

Trouble shooting Assisting Kristina Kovacevich, senior, Mara Maddocks, junior, leans over in Spanish class. "I liked the serious atmosphere in class," Mara said.



Zero Hour

"The reason I stayed in orchestra was because I liked playing music, even though it was zero hour; but it was still sort of a sacrifice getting up that early."

Bennet Cerven,
junior



What the puck? Deftly manuevering the ball down the fieldhouse floor, Seth Flahaven, freshman, plays field hockey in physical education. "I didn't like hockey," Seth said. "But I really liked gym. It was so easy and it was very fun."

Gear up Decked in SCUBA gear, Nikki Malo, junior, prepares to dive in the pool for Environmental Science class. "Taking Project Bio said I was hardworking," Nikki said. "There was more work and I worked hard to get it done."



Drawn to Interests

From Honors to blowoffs, students' classes define their personalities

Ask

"There was a little bit of insanity to be taking all AP classes my senior year."

Brandon Chenoweth, senior

any senior to name the classes in his or her schedule, and the majority will give a mix of required courses and a superfluous amount of electives.

However, Brandon Chenoweth, senior, proved this stereotype wrong. With five Advanced Placement (AP), one honors, and one zero hour class, Brandon decided to load his senior year with enough AP classes to be a sophomore his freshman year in college.

"I wanted a challenging schedule," Brandon said. "Some people thought I was crazy and there was a little bit of insanity to be taking all AP classes my senior year. But while most seniors slacked off, I think I wrote more papers my second semester than I had in my whole high school career."

At times, high school felt like a career, according to Elyse Holloway, senior. Not merely a schedule but a way of life, AP and honors classes translated into long hours of preparation.

"The overall time I spent in AP class-

es was far greater than the time that was spent in regular classes," Elyse said. "It dominated your life."

Even though most AP and Honors students defined themselves as hard-working and dedicated, according to Chan Huyhn, junior, students who didn't enroll in these rigorous courses took classes that allowed them to express their personalities—like orchestra.

"I liked art, but academics are very important to me," Chan said. "Being able to take orchestra as a zero hour didn't hinder my need of taking challenging classes, but it also allowed me to fulfill my interest in arts and music."

However, not all students made academics their life during the school year, but rather defined their character by what they did outside of school.

"I just didn't think it was that important that I stuffed my schedule full of honors and AP classes," Chip Andrews, senior, said. "I made soccer and things like hanging out with my friends my main priority."

Whether students decided to give themselves a break or pile on the challenges, how students planned their high school career affected them in positive and negative ways.

Quick on the draw Easily displaying her ability in art, Marissa Sylvester completes a "scribble drawing." She found that art was her strong point in school. "[Art] has always been a class I knew I could do well in," Marissa said. "It was fun and relaxing on a hectic day."



Mix it up Taking a break from a normal routine, Gilroy Velasquez, sophomore, and Matt Studniarz, senior, mix ingredients during Foods class. According to Gilroy, the class required the use of several senses. "Senses made it easier for you to learn," he said. "You could visualize how your food would turn out."

Snake in the glass Silently staring at their reptilian friend, juniors Sonja Vasic and Courtney Basile inspect a Garter snake for Ms. Shonna Siegers' Earth/Space Science class. "Most of the time we just observed the snake," Sonja said. "But we also had to take a lot of notes because we were going to be tested."

Beyond the Books

Daily struggles
produce unique
study techniques
as students
learn to cope

Sprawled

across the floor eyes focused on her Romeo and Juliet book, Michele Murday, freshman, like most students, tried to find her studying niche.

"I've only had to stay up until 10 p.m. to finish homework," Michelle said. "My teachers have been really good about not giving out too much."

While some students stressed over memorizing lines from plays, other experienced little to no homework.

"Spending three to four hours a night on homework is a routine now," Raul Ferrer, junior, said. "There can be no music or TV and I have to take breaks to rejuvenate and let my mind relax."

Studying at a desk in the comfort of home instead of in the plastic desks at school seemed to make working on projects more endurable, according to Raul.

Projects ranged from senior Government court cases to photography photo exams, involving work in and out of school. Whether students enjoyed group or individual work more than the other, most teachers exposed students to both.

"I had students partake in group work," Mrs. Laura Guill, English and French teacher, said. "It gave them an opportunity to interact with the class."

In some cases the experience grew on students who welcomed group work, while others enjoyed completing the

work on their own time.

"I'd rather work individually," George Nieves, junior, said. "If a group was too slow or fast, my work wouldn't get done right. I'd rather do it alone or get to choose my own partners."

Choices effected many students when it came to how they completed their work. While some grasped every last second before sleep, others waited until study halls to rush and complete their work for sixth hour.

"When I had a lot to get done it didn't matter how long it took me," Juan Ceja, sophomore, said. "I only did it so my grade wouldn't drop."

While grueling aspects of school life weighed on final grades, they consisted of the efforts put into homework and projects, as well as tests.

"With so many tests it was hard to remember everything," Evelyn Strug, sophomore, said. "I tried to stay focused on them, but sometimes the daily grind got into the way of studying."

Though stress-filled days and nights of studying consumed students, their hard work and dedication in the end, proved that it could be done.

For good measure Bent over a ruler, Amanda Seligman, senior, marks a time line for Earth Space Science. "We had to make a time line that mapped all of the different stages of the universe's formation," Amanda said.



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AP Classes
236
Total Students
884
Total registered
classes



To the point To direct attention, Dana Wold, junior, chides a complaining classmate in Mr. Paul LaReau's Spanish 4 class. "I yelled at my friend Alex because he cared way too much about his grade," Dana said.

Helping hand In Advanced Placement Psychology, Anitha Umapathy, junior, assists Cristina Vanko, junior, on the wireless laptops. "Directions always confused me," Cristina said. "I always asked for clarification."



Sticking to it Popsicle stick in one hand and ruler in the other, juniors Mike Bizoukas and Tommy Mambourg build an earthquake-proof house in Earth Space Science. "We had to build a house that could withstand the forces of an earthquake," Mike said.

Spotlight Smiles bright as the lights on stage, sophomores Sarah Galante and Emily Kitchell, with juniors Tammy Lee and Brendan Georgas "rock out" during the Justo Llamas concert in the auditorium. Experiences like these broadened the cultural spectrums for students, according to Tammy. "It gave me a taste of Hispanic culture," she said.

Under covers Peeking through blankets in Mr. Russell's Creative Writing class, Emily Clark, senior, plays in a fort to remember what it was like to be a child. "We built forts using desks right before we wrote our children's stories," Emily said.

Masquerade Quickly looking for another trait to talk about, Vanessa Jackson, junior, presents her personality mask in Psychology. "Mr. Kalvasinski assigned us to make masks that represented our different traits in creative ways," Vanessa said.



World Class Soccer

battled "Torro" the bull on the field. Fans went wild with excitement April 27 as both Spanish and French classes played soccer against each other in honor of the World Cup.

Foreign language teachers took their level one and two classes outside for the first "World Class Soccer" competition.

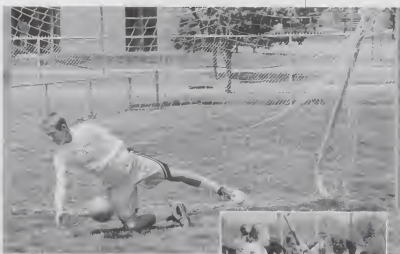
"We stretched, made shirts, and chanted in Spanish in preparation for the game," Miss Meghan Bialis, Spanish teacher, said.

Miss Jennifer Luksich, Spanish teacher, refereed on the field and encouraged her team. She introduced the idea for the competition.

"We wanted to expose students to elements of other countries. Soccer has united communities and cultures," Miss Luksich said.

Fifth hour ended as Team Mexico seized victory. Ashir Shah, senior, scored the winning goal.

"It was awesome," Ashir said, out of breath. "I couldn't wait to play the next game."



Score French student, Sonny Marcetic, sophomore, stretches to block a shot, while Team Mexico celebrates their victory in the fifth hour World Class Soccer tournament.



Holding up the Fort

Moving beyond notebooks, students create lessons with real life situations

Briskly

"I worked on it [a replica of the Globe Theater] probably for a total of eight to ten hours the weekend before it was due."

Lauren Parker, junior

walking through Menards, Lauren Parker, junior, scoured the store for balsa wood. In three days her Macbeth extra credit project for Mr. Marc Lehner's English 11 class was due, and Lauren had nothing concrete to hand in.

Procrastinating until the last minute, Lauren needed something simple, yet impressive, to construct in order to rack up extra credit points for cushioning in the last six weeks. Building a replica of the Globe Theater in the 1600s didn't sound like a fun weekend activity, according to Lauren, but she would do anything for a little grade boost.

"I worked on it, probably for a total of eight to ten hours the weekend before it was due," Lauren said. "In theory, I thought that it would be an easier project, but working with the wood was a little trickier than I thought."

Extra credit projects were only one way that students expressed creativity in school work and broke away from the average worksheet or written homework assignment.

"I liked the mind maps that we made in Mr. Coll's Honors Biology class," Grant Williams, freshman said. "We outlined the chapter and the different processes included using big pieces of paper and colored pencils."

The mind maps were time consum-

ing, but helped them visually comprehend the chapter, according to Grant.

Preparing students for the world outside of the high school text book, teachers assigned projects that played out as real life scenarios. In Mr. Don Fortner's economics class, seniors grouped in teams of six to invest \$100,000 in the New York Stock Exchange.

"We researched different types of stocks and chose which ones to invest in based on how much money we could make," Dani Blair, senior, said. "The money we were given was hypothetical, but the stock rates were based on the real stock market and we competed against students from across the state."

From writing and illustrating children's stories in Creative Writing to pasting together a wedding album for Interpersonal Relationships, students were forced to think outside the notebook and apply skills they would not normally use in a classroom, according to Mr. David Russell, English teacher.

"Different types of projects sparked enthusiasm in students, and when someone was enthused they turned out a better project," Mr. Russell said.

Story time Surrounded by Frank H. Hammond Elementary students, Lisa Soblo, senior, presents her children's story for Creative Writing. "We wrote and illustrated our own books," Lisa said.



In a pinch Carefully pinching the clay into place, Tyler Thomas, junior, molds the opening of her vase. "I liked Ceramics because it was a break from lectures," Tyler said. "But I hated getting dirt under my nails."



Launch forward With his homemade catapult, Ankur Dedania, junior, launches a tennis ball in Mr. Larry Hautzinger's physics class. "The catapults were a lot more difficult to make than I thought," Ankur said.

Count on it Graphing a conic section, Jose Kho, senior, uses a TI-84 calculator, to finish a math quiz in Mr. Joe Sokol's Precalculus class. "I would have never finished a math quiz if I didn't use a calculator," Jose said. "It would take too long."

Flying high To review for a vocabulary quiz in Mrs. Laura Guill's English 11 class, juniors Rich Meyers and Mitch Farnsley play the fly swatter game. "Every time Mrs. Guill called a word we had to swat the definition," Rich said.



Map it out Highlighter in her hand, Julie Hawkins, sophomore, prepares for a test on Australia in Mr. Chris Miller's Geography class. "I highlighted the places I had to know on the map for the test and memorized where they were," Julie said.

Leg room Focused on her research paper outline, Courtney Basile, junior, sorts her notecards into different topics. "It was a requirement to write notes from our sources on notecards and organize them into an outline," Courtney said.





From mnemonic devices to memorization, students trudge through assignments in creative ways

Tricks and tips

1 "I studied while I exercised on the elliptical machine. I brought my notebooks and textbooks to read or memorize information from while I exercised. It kept me active while I studied."

Molly White, sophomore

2 "I made lists of my vocab words to memorize them. I took a piece of paper and folded it in half. I would write the words on one side and the definitions on the other. I covered up the words while I memorized the definitions for the test."

Justin Hansel, freshman

3 "The best way I knew how to study for tests was to memorize the information right before the class. I would get to class early and cram before the test. The information was fresh in my mind."

Kayla Roach, junior

4 "For classes like journalism, I made up songs to remember long lists of information. I would think of a word that I associated with the term and put all of the words in a list and sang them to a tune throughout the day to keep it in my head."

Jessica Koetteritz, freshman

5 "For long vocabulary lists like we had in Mrs. Lemon's class, I would tape myself saying the words, definitions and parts of speech. I listened to the tapes when I was working on other homework and sleeping. It helped me more because I learned the words verbally and in my self-conscious."

Mallory McShane, sophomore

Deck of cards Carefully reading notecards, Brittany Lewis, senior, presents a case from the Incorporation Doctrine. "I was nervous to present in Mr. Gordon's government class because of his high expectations," Brittany said.

Book worm Using a Shakespeare Made Easy book, Kaitlin Ritchie, junior, reads with a tape of Macbeth in English 11. "That book helped me a lot. I don't know what I would have done without it," Kaitlin said.



Clearing away the Clutter

From folders to backpacks, students seek order to their daily needs

Organized

"I was organized. For example, my folders were in the same order of the classes I had in a day. So rather than digging through a binder, if it was third hour, I knew that it was in the third folder. Sometimes people tried to mess

up my little systems. They didn't like to see things intact. For *Crier*, I would go in during the week and keep photos organized and paper clip everything. Usually by the end of the week there was paper clips all around the 'Pub'."

Ryan Miller, sophomore

In Between

"I was in between messy and organized. I tried to keep my schoolwork organized. I always wrote in my assignment book. It helped me remember what to do, but if I forgot to write in it then I didn't do the assignments. My schoolwork was definitely the most

organized and my room was the least. Stuff was always on the floor. I did like it when it was clean, but usually it got really dirty. I tried to keep it clean, but it just happened. I would leave something and wouldn't pick it up. But finally I got sick of it and I would start cleaning."

Tony Markovich, junior

Disorganized

"My life was an organized mess. I let my stuff fly everywhere, but I paid attention to where I let it fly. Because I was very lazy, I didn't like to put things back where I found them, but I remembered where I put them so I didn't lose things either. Sometimes I was just messy. Once

I opened my closet and a mattress fell on me that had computer chips and clothes all over it. I spent a good portion of my evening cleaning because I didn't know where all that stuff came from. It seemed like a classic TV scenario, but it happened in real life."

Adam Bobeck, freshman

Take note Diligently filling in the answers, Leah Koziowski, junior, finishes her lab report. According to Leah, staying organized proved to be a worthwhile skill. "I got points marked off if the lab report was messy," she said.

With flying colors Intently working, juniors Megan Ruich and Mihir Patel add the final details to their graphic organizers in Mr. Curme's physics class. "The graphic organizers helped me keep all the sections straight," Megan said.





Mixed bag Folders and pencil pouches spewing from her backpack, Cristina Vanko, junior, takes notes in Algebra 2. Cristina kept all of her books with her throughout the day because her locker was in the art hallway and too far to travel to. "If I had gone to my locker during the day I would have always been late to my classes," Cristina said.

Playing their cards Along with her friends, Cali Stittler, freshman, studies for her Earth/Space Science class during study hall. "I organized my cards by which ones I knew and which ones I still didn't know," Cali said. "This helped me keep track of what I had to do."



"I had a really messy locker. I just piled things in it. I had a bunch of shoes, random shirts, two literature books and bags of candy."

Anitha Umpathy,
junior



"To keep my locker clean I just got rid of things I didn't need. I stopped at it every period so that I could pick up my books for the next period."

Billy Heuer,
freshman

Home sweet home

Stiff lip Mentally reviewing his day, Alex Avtgis, junior, organizes his thoughts and packs his backpack for home. While some students relied on assignment books, Alex used his memory. "I remembered what teachers gave me," Alex said.



In the dark Her hands placed inside the changing bag, Stephanie Gorman, sophomore, rolls her film in photography. Unable to allow light to strike it, she struggles to pass her photography project final exam.

An arm and an egg

Located high above the ground in the stands, Eric Barth, freshman, leans over the railing to release his cushioned egg hoping that the structure he built out lasts the laws of physics, keeping the egg and his grade intact for Earth Space. "Letting it go was really exciting, I was only hoping it would last," Eric said. **With many broken eggs**, Kelly Werner, junior, and Kurt Popovich, sophomore, prepare for the plummet by rechecking their design.



Between the lines

Summer reading required students to read at least three books during summer vacation.

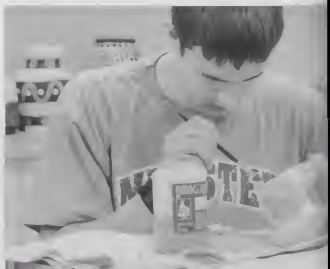
How many books did you actually read?

Seniors	17	29	16	55	4
Juniors	12	12	17	48	7
Sophomores	1	12	8	50	6
Freshmen	0	3	16	63	14

400 students surveyed Sept. 15

Right click After completing her summer reading test Christina Keith, sophomore, quickly works on her homework. "The tests were actually a lot easier than last year's, so the changes weren't bad," she said.

Summer Reading



Pressed for Time

Different testing methods give students 360° spectrum

AP tests

"AP courses were really honors courses with big tests at the end, and I had always been in honors classes so it was the next step. The tests were not extremely hard if you did your work during the school year and you studied for the exam. You definitely couldn't blow off the entire year and expect to come out with a four or a five. If you did achieve in the four or five, you got college credit, saving money in the long run. I was in many different

AP classes, but I only took the Spanish 5 test. The free response was the easiest part of the test, but the reading was the hardest. You had to be familiar with all the vocabulary and the passages, because they tried to change up the questions with synonyms to the words. The only advice I would give to future AP exam takers is if they are planning on taking any to first make sure that colleges except them, and give credit for them or its \$80 down the drain."

Kim Dooley, senior

SAT

"My parents made me take the SAT prep class. They wanted me to take it so I could do as best as I could on the SATs. I thought it was pretty pointless because I could have gotten the same thing out of studying at home by myself. I took the SATs once before, and

after the class it actually boosted my scores in every section. You got a lot of practice with the homework they gave every week, but the class itself was a little long. It lasted from 6-9 p.m., and if I had a lot of homework I had to stay up late and finish."

Jeff Chou, junior

Objective

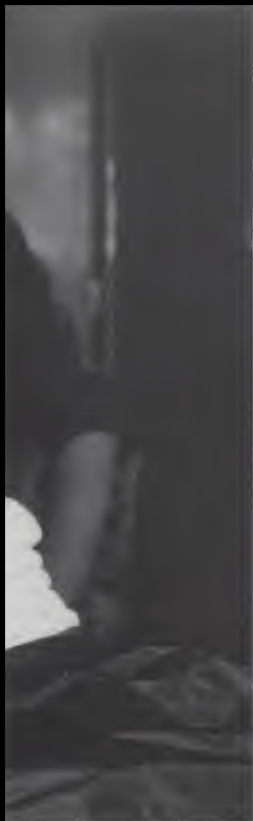
"It all depended on the subject. With essays, if teachers didn't give enough information of what was to be on the test, then you had to elaborate a little more and fill in the gaps. But multiple choice was so much better than writing. They gave you a better variety of choices,

making it easier to decide. Essay tests were pretty hard sometimes. If teachers didn't specify what they wanted, you lost points. Objective tests gave a variety of answers so you could dig into your brain and corner it down from four to two answers."

Punam Tiwana, sophomore

In a glaze Perfecting his painted pot in ceramics, Kenneth Odobink, freshman, finishes a clay structure. Forming different clay projects gave students hands on experience. "It was fun. I enjoyed creating different things with clay," Kenneth said.

Loud and clear Eyes focused on Mr. Kent Lewis, entrepreneurship teacher, Tony Fattore, junior, takes notes on how to perfect his business skills. "He gives us a good insight into what we should know for the tests," Tony said.



Under wraps With a Brazilian dress and scarf, Naina Moller, senior, presents a play in Mrs. Kouris' Theater Arts class. "I really liked it because it was a good class to get to know people and learn about yourself," Naina said.

Sensory Learning

71%

of students said they used their sense of sight the most throughout the day

145 students surveyed
April 24

Beginning

at 7:45 a.m., senses picked up the cue for school to begin: the monotonous bell echoed, signaling the supposed timely arrival to first hour where students plopped down to feel the cold, hard desk that served as a just one of many locations they used to listen, look and feel for the next six hours.



The nose knows

Plugging her nose, Alex Pavkovich, senior, participates in a lab for Anatomy and Physiology. Students tried different foods without using one of their five senses to learn that all of them are interconnected. According to Alex, it was very difficult to recognize food without one of the senses. "The worst thing we had to try was the raw, uncooked potato," Alex said.

Dough boys

Pasta, blender in hand, Matt Thompson, sophomore, and his cooking partner, Chike Okolocha, sophomore, make pizza dough for Foods class. After the oven timer sounded, the cooking team sat down to enjoy their cheese and pepperoni pizza. "I took Foods mainly because we got to eat in that class," Chike said. "But I learned a lot about cooking too."





Strike a pose
Sheltered by umbrellas, juniors Jeff Dubish, Pete Brousalis, and Olivia Enger pose for a rapid line drawing sketch in Mrs. Linda Haynes' Intro to 2D Art class. In rapid line sketches art students drew quick lines with an oil pencil. These quick lines formed the shapes of the students posing for the drawing. "Seeing is essential in art," Olivia said. "In order to make a good piece of artwork you really need to observe it."



Fork it over

With a light tap on the lab table in the LCI, Bennet Cerven, junior, tests the vibrations of a tuning fork. "We did a unit on sound waves in physics," Bennet said. "So we did a lab to study the different kinds of vibrations that every day objects could make."



Worst smell in class

- Ecoli in Microbiology
Lauren Hubak, junior
- dissected lamb heart
Jacob Wojtowick, freshman
- sulfur during a chemistry lab
Jenna Trilach, sophomore
- smell of the weight room
Kristell Pulley, freshman
- Bunsen burner gas
Carolynn Andrews, sophomore
- gym uniforms
Sarah Matthews, freshman

Under Pressure

Strengthening his back muscles, James McKeon, junior, does a military press. "I lifted weights to get stronger for football," James said. "I didn't want to get run over by the other players."

Sensory Learning

65%

of students
could
live
without
their
sense
of smell

145 students
surveyed
April 24

At his fingertips

Stretching a blanket across two desks, Dan Lodge, senior, helps build a fort in Mr. David Russell's Creative Writing class. The seniors built forts to get back into the mind set of being a child before writing children's stories. "It was actually pretty hard," Dan said. "It took the whole class hour because no one was cooperating, we didn't have a plan and at the end we had to scramble to get the fort built."

Maracas in Caracas

Soulfully strumming along with maracas, Chris Bakker, senior, participates in Venezuelan culture in his Spanish 3 class. "Listening to the music and playing along was a really awesome experience," Chris said. "The food was also really good, too."



Worst taste in class

- pigs feet in World Geography
Alyce Carlson, senior
- green beans in Foods
Tony Markovich, junior
- habanero pepper
Brooke Kozlowski, senior
- gum under a desk
Andy Bookwood, junior
- gazpacho in Spanish class
Megan Bonke, sophomore
- baby food in Child Development
Tori Sroka, senior



Kelly Frank, senior
anatomy class



Eyes tightly closed, Berlyn Boswell, tests her sense of touch while blocking her sight during an Anatomy lab. Berlyn guessed what she touched

without looking in a lab to show how the five senses are interconnected. "I learned that you can't live without any sense," Berlyn said.



Throughout

the day, classes forced the use of different senses. When walking past a chemistry lab, a caustic sulfur smell permeated through the halls as students sped past the Wall of Fame that served as a visual reminder of the accomplishments of those before them. On the opposite end of the school, melodies rang out from vocal chords as choir students watched the deft hands orchestrating the musical technicalities they had to memorize. Display cases located around the school, showcased the carefully scrutinized artwork hung proudly, while a Foods student cautiously lifted a spoon to test his or her own pasta sauce. Gently tiptoeing on the wet surface, dripping physical education students entered the locker rooms hoping to avoid those slimy tiles.



Bag of tricks

To protect his clothing, Jeff Reuter, junior, dons a garbage bag in Mr. Carl Field's Ceramics 2 class. According to Jeff, the ability to feel was extremely important in ceramics. "You tried to move the clay," Jeff said. "To get it exactly the way you wanted it."

Bitter end

Quickly filling in her lab report, Stephanie Krasic, senior, writes down the results from a taste test experiment in Anatomy. "I really hated trying some of the foods, like the raw potato," she said.

Worst sight in class

- pictures of mouth cancer
Elle Kirby, freshman
 - a test covered in red pen
Molly White, sophomore
 - surgery videos in Anatomy
Dan Lodge, senior
 - new vocab words
Marilyn Hansen, freshman
 - dissected frog
Kelly Wold, freshman
 - a rat in the vent
Nick Sebek, freshman
- Jackie Elman, senior
zoology class



Fun and games

With a smile on her face, Lauren Lomeli, junior, plays with a Venezuelan yoyo. For a Spanish class presentation, a Venezuelan cook visited to speak about Spanish culture and customs, while bringing along an assortment of traditional toys. "It was really fun because a Venezuelan yoyo is horizontal instead of vertical with a wheel in the middle," Lauren said.

Baby weight

While on her cell phone, Ashley McGuire, senior, searches for a text book after school during a Tuesday Contact Time as she wears an empathy belly for Child Development. "The belly was so heavy," Ashley said. "You got to know the feeling of how much a baby weighs. It felt kind of awkward because it put pressure on your abdomen."





Measuring up

With a sphygmomanometer tightly wrapped around his arm, Matt Lipinski, junior, waits while Mr. Jack King takes his blood pressure in Mrs. Hallie Hammond's Anatomy and Physiology class. "Mr. King gave a lecture on blood pressure," Matt said. "Apparently, he had a problem with blood pressure and so do I. Without touch I wouldn't be able to check my pressure."



Face the music

Hands placed firmly on the piano keys, Ruth Christopher, sophomore, practices chords in Dr. Timothy Bartlett's Keyboarding class. "If I couldn't hear, I would probably go insane," Ruth said. "Hearing helped me understand things. If something didn't sound right, it meant that you were playing a note or something wrong."

Anxious

students anticipated the 2:45 p.m. bell as they waited to end the sensory overload they encountered each day. Whether prodding a pig fetus in AP Bio or wincing during a video about knee replacement surgery in health, students relied heavily on the senses that allowed them to see, smell, hear, taste, and feel—all for the sake of learning.



Green thumb In reach

Along with seniors Dimetri Katsepas and Carmello Gonzalez, Adam Riley, junior, checks to see if there is enough soil for the plant to stand upright. "My favorite lab was planting seeds because we watched them grow," Adam said.

Hands stretched out, Kaitlin Bandura, senior, and her lab partner, Katie Brown, senior, clean out a jar after finishing an Earth Space Science lab. Students studied cloud formation using warm water and ice cubes.

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Hastily securing her new rollerblades, Katie Brown, senior, rushed outside, taking advantage of the unseasonably warm April day. After enduring six months of snow, ice, and wind chill, she finally had a chance to break away from her economics homework and meet her friends for an after-

noon of rollerblading.

Katie was among 84 percent of the student body who participated in recreational sports. Boys and girls alike, either picked up a ping pong paddle or gathered for a game of touch football in White Oak Park, to escape the reality of homework and chores.



Along for the ride

■ Circling Bluebird Park, Theresa Kretz, senior, waits for Angela Banas, senior, to go bike riding. "I liked bike riding with my friends because it was fun," Kretz said. "It forced me to use my muscles and exercise so I could play well in other sports. I also loved being out in the nice weather. After being cooped up in my house for the winter, it was nice to finally go outside."

Over the top

■ Balanced over a ramp at Community Park Skate Park, Kevin Smith, junior, prepares for a front-side board-slide one October afternoon. "I skated for fun," Smith said. "I liked to try new things like different grinds, hook tricks and stalls. When I was in a bad mood, skating helped me clear my mind." Smith frequented the skate park because it was located just down the street from where he lived, and his friends were always there.





Stretching the point

■ Fiercely pointing her toe, Natalie Miyashiro, sophomore, does a run of her jazz recital dance. Miyashiro took Nick Pupillo's Level Five jazz class at the Dance Gallery on Monday nights. "Nick made us work to our full potential," Miyashiro said. "I was sore every week after his class, no matter what we did. I liked jazz the best because it was interesting and more my style." Along with dance classes every night, Miyashiro competed on the Dance Team and placed first with her large ensemble at State.



Strike a balance

■ Eye on the lane, Ryan Slosser, junior, bowls at Star Dust 3 in Dyer. Playing for 14 years, Slosser was a member of the Bowling Club and Team. "I liked the competition and excitement that being on the team brought," Slosser said.

Raising the bar

■ Tightly gripping the metal bar, Kurt Leeney, freshman, lifts weights with the help of Max Peck, freshman. "If you were struggling and couldn't push the bar up, it helped to have a friend who told you to push it," Leeney said. He lifted weights every other day to build muscle for football and baseball.



Let it roll

■ With the warm April sun bearing down on her, Katie Brown, senior, rollerblades away her afternoon at the Frank H. Hammond Elementary School track. "It was a nice day so my friend, Kaitlin Bandura, and I went rollerblading," Brown said. "We were inspired by the nice weather, so we decided to break out our rollerblades for the spring. Rollerblading was a good way for me to catch up with friends and stay healthy. It helped me build endurance, and it was good for your legs." Sometimes skating for over two hours, Brown and her friends rollerbladed to surrounding towns including Highland and Hammond.

MARK HER WORDS:

Nicoletta Codutti,
sophomore

"I drank Gatorade every day, at practice and any other time. I liked it because it had more flavor than regular water and I liked the taste. I could tell it gave me more energy because I felt ready and upbeat. It was a good thirst quencher."

74%
of students drink
Gatorade daily
200 students survey
April 19



Cross Country

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Crown Point Invite

3rd of 5

Gavit Invite 5th of 9

LAC 8

2nd of 8

TF South Invite

4th of 12

LAC 8

3rd of 7

Lowell Invite

1st of 13

LAC 8

3rd of 8

New Prairie Invite

29th of 42

Highland Invite

6th of 20

Kankakee Valley
Invite

1st of 6

LAC Meet

3rd of 16

Sectionals

2nd of 8

Regionals

4th of 10

Semi-State

9th of 20

For the finish

While pushing himself towards the finish, James Burgwald, sophomore, helps the team place first at the Kankakee Valley Invite. "We did really well," Burgwald said. "Next year we will do even better because we're only losing one person."

Boys' Cross Country Team
(front row) Tyler Schwartz, Eric Anderson, Grant Williams, Matt Stewart, Jacob Gerber (back row) Jeff Justus, Kenny Hamilton, Danny White, Blake Williams, James Burgwald, Coach Aaron Brown, Brendan Georgas, Blake Platt, Sam Kasmak, Darryl Dedelow, Austin Piech



LEAVING HIS MARK:

Blake Williams

As they recover from the race, juniors Jeff Justus and Brendan Georgas catch their breath next to top runner Blake Williams, sophomore.

"It was promising to run a successful season as a sophomore and I know that I can only improve and become better. At practice, I was the pacer, leading the way and telling everyone what speed to go."



Pave the way

Determination pushes Grant Williams, freshman, to pass up the competition at the Highland Invite. Individual efforts helped as the boys drove each other to finish sixth out of 20 teams. "I start off a race nervous but the crowd and my teammates keep me going," Williams said.





Lead out

While passing the Highland competition, Ken Hamilton, sophomore, runs across the bare terrain. The team placed sixth out of 20 schools, allowing them to continue on their competitive journey. "The only thing I thought about was getting better times every race, and completing them to my fullest," Hamilton said.

Fourth.

Normally, it seems an average place; yet, for the Cross Country Team, it pushed them to be the highest ranked team in Munster history.

"We had a good culmination of all our work," Blake Platt, sophomore, said. "We all put ourselves together and made ourselves one of the best Munster teams in a while."

With over 100 miles of training on golf courses and sandy dunes, the team prepared for most obstacles.

While there were downs to the season, the boys emphasized the ups as they strived for the best and their efforts developed into pure celebration.

"We did better than we had expected," Ken Hamilton, sophomore, said. "We came together as a team, and we overcame the odds."

The team placed fourth at Regionals and third in the Lake Athletic Conference (LAC).

"We finished in the top three; we did pretty well. I was pleased," Head Coach Aaron Brown, middle school science teacher, said. "We weren't 100 percent perfect but basically we did well."

As Semi-State approached, their anticipation soared as

BREAK away

Boys make school history as team qualifies for Semi-State

they prepared for a strong run and score from all the boys.

"The [Semi-State] meet had the best competition for us," Brendan Georgas, junior, said. "It showed how we stacked up as individuals and as a team."

Determination was evident through out the season as the team pushed each other towards victory.

Individual statistics helped to build a strong base for the team to grow on, allowing the team to arrive at a victorious ending.

"We really developed a sense of camaraderie. We were like a family," Austin Piech, junior, said. "There was a bond between every single one of us."

Their bonds proved worthwhile as they pushed each other to the best team finish ever—fourth at Regionals, according to Georgas.

Their hard work paid off in the end. "The season was all about our hard work culminating itself," Jeff Justus, junior, said. "The best part was seeing our team be the best cross country team in our school history."

Rounding the flag

Running past the marker Matt Stewart, freshman, helped his team place first out of 13. "I was emotionally dead when I ran," Stewart said. "That kept me going and only focused on winning the race and placing high."



At face value

Breathing deeply Austin Piech, junior, finishes the Lowell race. "You never think

about quitting," Piech said. "I listen to the crowd screaming and listen for the footsteps of my opponents."

safety in NUMBERS

From early morning practices to late night meets, girls find comfort in each other

Slowly hobbling across the Riverside Park course, senior Jennie Jamich made her way back to the team tent with her arms wrapped around the shoulders of her brother Joe, sophomore, and Sam Kasmak, sophomore.

It wasn't until a day after the Sectionals meet that the Girls' Cross Country team found out that their top runner had broken her left foot.

"I started and I was in second place. Midway through the race, the next step I took just hurt," Jamich said.

Leader of the pack

Warming up before the meet, junior Emily Lyness leads the pack of junior Stephanie Gallardo, freshman Erin Hett, junior Maureen Shields, senior Amanda Roque, and sophomore Risa Hurwich. "We warmed up together before meets for moral support," Lyness said, "because you got really nervous sometimes."

"I tried to keep running normally, but I couldn't. I knew something was wrong."

Although Jamich came in eighth, the team still placed second at Sectionals, allowing them to continue to Regionals and qualify for Semi-State.

With an undefeated Conference 16-0 record under their belts, the remaining top runners had to compensate for

the loss of their number one runner.

"After Jennie [Jamich] broke her foot, we realized that the team was at a huge disadvantage. Christia [Bieda] and I had to step it up a lot," Tamiko Toyama, senior, said. "Losing Jennie made us work harder because without having her finish at the top, it would be a lot harder to go on to Semi-State."

Hard work paid off when the team made it to Semi-State, as Head Coach Darlene Shike predicted.

"We got to Semi-State, but I expected to get a higher rank," Coach Shike said. "If Jennie had run, she would have made it out of Semi-State."

At Regionals, seniors Christia Bieda and Tamiko Toyama both placed in the top 15, permitting them and the rest of Varsity members to proceed on to Semi-State where they placed 16th. At Semi-State, Bieda broke a school record by finishing 27th out of over 150 runners.

"I was really happy to end on a good note," Bieda said. "It felt good to have my last race be the best of the season."

Final sprint

Heavy breaths and long strides commence as Tamiko Toyama, senior, makes her final dash to the finish line. "My goal for the whole year was to beat 16 minutes," Toyama said. "I knew that if I was going to beat it, it would definitely be at Highland." In the end Toyama achieved her goal and contributed to Munster's fourth place ranking.





Winded

Chest heaving, Egle Vaitiekute, senior, confers with her teammates. "All the runners just ran two and a half miles, so we were really tired," Vaitiekute said. "But I really liked talking with the girls afterwards." Teammates provided an emotional outlet and acted as a second family for the girls.

Taking the lead

Hard cement under her fleeting feet, Jennifer Novosel, sophomore, picks up her speed to overcome her Highland opponent. "I got my best time at the Highland meet," Novosel said. "Most people get their's at Highland because it's an easier course." Munster placed fourth at the Highland Invitational.



Cross Country

7-4

Conference Champs

Crown Point Invite

1st of 5

Gavit Inv. 4th of 10

LAC 8 @ Munster

1st of 8

TF South Inv. 4th of 12

LAC 8 @ Lowell

1st of 7

Lowel Inv. 1st of 9

LAC 8 @ Wheeler

1st of 8

Now Prairie Inv.

18th of 38

Highland Inv. 4th of 14

Kankakee Inv. 1st of 4

LAC Meet @ Lowell

1st of 16

Sectionals

2nd of 8

Regionals

5th of 10

Best-State

16th of 20



LEAVING HER MARK:

Jennie Jamich

Grade: 12

Best time: 15:23

"I used to play basketball, but the first year I did cross country I knew that's what I wanted to do. I'm going to run at IUPUI because I love it so much."



1-2-3... Breathe

Hunched over and gasping for air, Jackie Yerga, senior, recovers after finishing the Munster Invitational in Community Park. "I dropped my time at that meet," Yerga said. "I got hurt at the meet after Munster, so I couldn't run."

Girls' Cross Country Team. (first row) Amanda Roque, Egle Vaitiekute, Tamiko Toyama, Jennie Jamich, Christa Bieda, Jacquelyn Yerga, Desirée Cossyleon, Sophia Griggs. (second row) Risa Hurwich, Jennifer Novosel, Maureen Shields, Maureen Modesto, Lauren Hudak, Natasha Kanal, Stephanie Gallardo. (back row) Asst. Coach Michelle Duffy, Erin Hott, Molly Poczontek, Micaela Ossanna, Julie Zivich, Courtney Huckaby, Julianne Watterson, Coach Darlene Shike.

Varsity Football

3-7

Kankakee
Valley 28-21
Gary Wirt 51-8
Highland 7-22
Griffith 0-63
Hobart 19-22
Morton 20-47
Lowell 7-48
Hammond 22-2
Andrean 28-35

Sectionals

Kankakee
Valley 26-32

JV Football

5-3-1

Kankakee
Valley 22-14
Benton Central 46-0
Highland 20-20
Griffith 14-24
Hobart 19-22
Morton 22-14
Lowell 0-10
Hammond 26-16
Andrean 41-0

Freshman

Football

6-2-1

Kankakee Valley 12-14
Gary Wirt 48-11
Highland 34-14
Griffith 7-13
Hobart 19-14
Morton 21-14
Lowell 13-13
Hammond 42-0
Andrean 50-0



40 years of football and counting...

With cheers in the background marking 40 years of Mustang football, junior Richard Meyers (33) and seniors Jake Ernd (16) and Billy Stewart (11), lead the team through the banner. Sporting outdated varsity letterman jackets, former football players were honored at the Morton game Sept. 23. Afterwards, they headed to the Commons for a party hosted by former coach John Friend and Head Coach Leroy Marsh. Over snacks and beverages the former students and athletes commemorated the program's fourth decade.

1 Regional title in 1986
2 head coaches
6 Sectional titles
12 Conference titles
800 party attendees





With no time left on the clock, season ends in disappointment as 17 seniors hang up helmets for final time

COMING in short

Looking back at the scoreboard to double check the final numbers at the Andean home game, team members quietly sulked off the field. Upset that they lost the game in double overtime, the team members unhooked their helmets and accepted their close defeat.

After Tommy Mambourg, junior, scored the first touchdown in the first quarter, the team built up enough steam to carry out the plays that kept them leading in the first half.

On his last leg

Tightly gripping his opponent's leg, offensive lineman Tim Lukoshus (15), senior, makes a tackle with Pat Higgins (43), senior; and sophomores John Jurkash (31) and Walter McDonald (78). "The Highland game was great even though we lost," Lukoshus said. "As a senior I looked forward to that game the most."

Short Stack

Slightly lifting his head, center Cory Dillner (62), junior, reads to stack the ball to the quarterback. Shortly after Dillner got a concussion while tackling, "I don't remember too much from that game," Dillner said.

According to Head Coach Leroy Marsh, health teacher, the defense took down the top offensive team they faced, but by the end of the second half, Andean had tied the game 21-21.

"Our plan going into overtime was to score anything," Coach Marsh said. "A field goal or a touch down, to put pressure on the other team."

Their plan carried through in the first overtime, but when Andean rounded out the score 28-28, the game headed into the first double overtime of the season.

Their chance to win ending when sophomore Billy Hasse's field goal was

blocked by an opposing player. Andean took the ball and scored a touchdown, ending the game 35-28.

"I was pleased with the effort and performance put forth by our team in the Andean game, but like most of the players, I was still disappointed that we ended up losing," Coach Marsh said.

According to Coach Marsh, senior leadership was the driving force behind the close Andean game.

"The seniors refused to let the underclassman give into the pressure of the Andean home game," Coach Marsh said. "They kept the whole entire team motivated and completely focused throughout the entire night."

The team's effort didn't come without consequence, however.

Injury and illness plagued the team after the Andean game, weakening them before their Sectional game against Kankakee Valley.

"Our injuries contributed greatly to our loss in Sectionals. Corey Dillner had a con-

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Pat on the back

With a quick pat on the back, James Han (24), junior, congratulates his teammate on a field goal. "We don't spend much time celebrating because we have to set up for the opposing team having the ball," Han said.



Helping hand

Hanging on his every word, juniors James Han (24) and Tommy Mambourg (34) listen to Assistant Coach Bob Shinkan's instructions.



Varsity Football Team (front row) Erich Maul, Billy Stewart, Tim Lukoshus, Jake Ernd, Ken Florek, Pat Higgins, Lance Surra (second row) Tony Jurkash, Ricky Paulson, Travis Irvin, Anthony Carrillo, Tim Roberts, Alex Lebo (third row) Mike Jones, Shawn Spicer, Tom Ramus, James Han, Cam Selet, Richie Meyers, Tom Mambourg (fourth row) Andy Jonelis, Jon Velchek, Pete Jurich, Cory Dillner, Jerome Magsaysay, James McKeon, Kyle Harker, Philip Chaing (fifth row) Mike Fisher, Greg Blair, John Strong, Jake Groszek, Alex Rosales, Bill Hasse, Brett Keeler, (sixth row) Nick Yi, Brett Bertagnolli, Gilroy Velasquez, Jeff Florek, Keaton Aktay, Alex Brajak John Jurkash, Mike Hluska (seventh row) Zach Langbehn, Evan Maul, Nolan Sliko, Brandon Miller, David Ramirez, Mitch Lareck, Jeff Bragiel, Pat Howard, Tony Aguilera, (eighth row) Tim Qualls, Matt Thompson, Steven Beatty, Walter McDonald, Dan Cwagah, Max Tratar, David Nootens, (back row) Coach Keith Maddrom, Coach Brian Clark, Trainer John Doherty, Coach Tom Largus, Coach Leroy Marsh, Coach Bob Shinkan, Coach Rob McCall, Coach Ryan Ridgley



Freshman Football Team (front row) Vince Ciccone, Demetrios Pitsas, Jadd Villalobos, Marcin Kuzma, Zach Langbehn, Dan Gardner, Matt Nelson (second row) Mike Adams, Joe Torres, Joe Martinez, Jason Han, Aaron Estrada, Ray Lopez, Joe Gail (third row) Keith Shaw, Alex Welch, Kevin Nossem, Sam Shaner, Matt Shacklett, Ian Boswell, Max Peck (fourth row) Matt Gonzalez, Brett Strohl, Ben Taylor, Kody Thompson, Jon Sobilo, Nick Sebek, Sean Georgas, Evan Mudzonick (fifth row) Martin Ortiz, Sean Dillner, James Cherrier, Anthony Norris, Greg Clark, Ethan Hansen, Kurt Leeny, Mike Turco (back row) Jarret Tito, Jeff Lucas, Adrian Eloisa, Bryce Clark, TJ Hechinovich, Jordan Huckaby, Austin Bubash, AJ Spolnik, Mitch Pugh, Zach Bucholtz

MARK HIS WORDS:

Alex Bilse

Grade: 11

Position: Wide Receiver

"I dislocated my hip and broke my pelvis early in the Griffith game. I could feel that it was popped out of place and there was a lump in my lower back. It was rough to sit on the sidelines, knowing there wasn't anything I could do to help. I still went to the games on my crutches and cheered on the guys."



Sweet sweep

Trying to get around one corner of the sweep, running back Richard Meyers (33), junior, sprints while Billy Stewart (11) blocks his Highland opponent. The team lost the Battle of the Bridge for the second year. "It was difficult because we lost on our home field," Meyers said. "It was a tough loss for everyone."



Catch him if you can

With the ball tucked in his arm, Tommy Mambourg (34), junior, runs for the end zone in the Homecoming game. Mambourg scored the only touchdown in the game against Lowell. "The games were the best part of football," Mambourg said. "I liked the intensity that each team brought to the game and also the physical contact."





COMING in short

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cussion," Coach Marsh said. "Tim Lukoshus sprained his ankle, which prevented him from playing at full strength during Sectionals and several others had the flu throughout the week."

Being hit on a play in the early minutes of the first quarter sent quarterback Jake Ernd, senior, to the bench for the rest of the

Off the deep end

Quickly looking side to side for an open teammate, quarterback Jake Ernd (16), senior, sends the ball sailing through the air. As senior captain, Ernd had to make calls on the field. "There was a lot of responsibility that came with being a senior leader," Ernd said. "When there were mistakes made on the field I took the blame."

Three's a tackle

Forcefully pushing with all of his strength, Pete Jurich (58), junior, attacks a Highland running back with seniors Ken Florek (35) and Pat Higgins (43). The defensive line held Highland to 22 points in the Battle of the Bridge. "The toughest part of being a line-backer is shedding blocks and making tackles," Jurich said.

Sectional game. Losing the senior quarterback weakened the team's offense, forcing them to substitute Alex Rosales, sophomore, in Ernd's place, according to Coach Marsh.

"I never thought I would be going in for Jake, especially at Sectionals," Rosales said. "It was a tough game and intense for me to be thrown in as quarterback."

Despite their best efforts, the boys couldn't hold back Kankakee Valley. They ended up losing 26-32 in their first round of Sectional play.

"We were pretty confident from playing so well at the Andean game, but when Jake [Ernd] went down we didn't really have a back-up plan," captain Alex Lebo, senior said. "That was the downfall of our game."



Down and out

Down in the third quarter, running back Billy Stewart (11), senior, looks away from the scoreboard at the Homecoming Game. Lowell won 48-7.

Golf

19-1

Andean/Calumet 1st
Wheeler/Highland 1st
Portage/MC
Marquette 1st
Lake Central Invite 3rd
Kankakee Valley
Invite 7th
Rensselaer Invite 4th
Lowell/Hobart 1st
New Prairie Invite
Kankakee Valley/
Bishop Noll 1st
Highland 1st
Crown Point 1st
Lake Central 1st
Merrillville 1st
Hanover Central 1st
Boone Grove/
Lowell 1st
Chesterton 1st
Valparaiso/
Andean 2nd

LAC Tourney
1st

Sectionals
2nd

Regionals
7th

Eyeball

Sottly placing her golf ball on the green, Mara Maddocks, junior, measures how far she needs to putt. The team practiced for more than three hours daily. "Sometimes it was hard to concentrate at practice when Hallie (Gibbs) was always cracking jokes," Maddocks said.



LEAVING HER MARK:

Jen McCreight

Grade: 12
Sectional Medalist

"Personally I would practice everyday to be the best player I could. If we had a short team practice I would play a round with my dad. If I was having a bad practice I would keep shooting on my own. I practiced what ever I had trouble with until I felt comfortable with that skill."



Girls' Golf Team (front row) Chelsea Reed, Sarah Johnson, Laura Hennig, Laura Kinser, Kari Michniewicz, Mallory McShane (back row) Jennifer McCreight, Sarah Grabarczyk, Mara Maddocks, Hallie Gibbs, Lauren Meneghetti, Coach Jim Davidson

Sand blast

With her short game in mind, Sarah Grabarczyk, senior, swings to chip out of the sand. "The sand is every golfer's enemy because you have to hit under and swing harder," Grabarczyk said. "I hated it the most."



Cut to a tee

While her ball soars through the sky, Jennifer McCreight, senior, watches to see her ball fly down the green. McCreight made sure her tee shots gave her a strong start in matches. "The main thing is not to think of anything when you tee off," McCreight said.



Tightly gripping her golf club, Jennifer McCreight, senior, looked out into the sunny, blue sky at Valparaiso Country Club. Thoughts of medalist and going to State in her mind, McCreight swung, hoping to make par on the final hole at Sectionals and go to Regionals.

Through skillful putting, McCreight broke the Sectional record with a score of 80 to become the school's first Sectional Medalist since 1995.

"I came out thinking I could break the record of 81, but there's always some self doubt," McCreight said. "At the beginning of the match I made some simple errors, but I picked up the game somewhere around the ninth hole."

Cumulatively shooting a 353, the girls placed second behind Valparaiso, making them the first team to advance to Regionals in 10 years.

"We were ranked fourth and we were probably the dark horse for third," Hallie Gibbs, junior, said. "Our victory was an upset for the other teams."

Coach Jim Davidson, industrial technology teacher, who was named *Times* 'Coach of the Year', saw the

Fair play

To prepare for Chesterton, Lauren Meneghetti, junior, works on her fairway shooting. "Golf was frustrating," Meneghetti said. "You'd aim one way and the ball would go a completely different way."



DRIVING force

With senior Jen McCreight on their side, team swings into second at Sectionals

second place as a surprise, but a well-deserved victory.

"I was elated, obviously, at how well we played," Coach Davidson said. "It was amazing for us to shoot a 353, which is 53 strokes better than we have ever scored at Sectionals. Then to have Jen as Medalist, it was a good day."

Before Regionals the team went to Beechwood Country Club after school to test the LaPorte course.

"At Regionals we were up against the Number 3 team, LaPorte, who we had already beaten," Coach Davidson said. "The trick was that we were playing them at their home course."

The team succumbed to the pressure at Regionals and scored a 385. Their seventh place standing crippled the team from advancing to State.

"I was disappointed that we scored so low at Sectionals and then shot a 385," Coach Davidson said. "I hated to see us end with a score that did not match our season, but that's the way it went."

The team would have loved to go to State, according to Gibbs, but was still satisfied with their 19-1 season.

Feeling putt-upon

During a practice at Woodmar Country Club, Sarah Johnson, sophomore, retrieves her ball to practice putting. "Going to the putting green helped me because putting was my weakest skill," Johnson said. Hitting an 89, Johnson helped her team take second place at Sectionals.



Varsity Soccer

8-9

LAC Champions

Lake Central 2-3
Valparaiso 0-4
Portage 0-2
Harrison 1-1
Hobart 2-0
Zionsville Invite/
Homestead 1-1
Lawrence North
2-2
Highland 0-1
Kankakee Valley 1-0
Michigan City 5-0
Griffith 6-1
Merrillville 4-2
Laf. Jeff 1-0
Andrean 3-1
Crown Point 0-0
Morton 3-0

Sectionals

Lowell 7-2
Crown Point 2-4

JV Soccer

7-9

Lake Central 0-4
Valparaiso 0-2
Portage 0-0
Hobart 1-5
Hobart 4-2
Zionsville Invite
Evansville Memorial
0-2
Fort Wayne Snider
1-2
Highland 3-0
East Chicago 0-1
Kankakee Valley 0-1
Michigan City 6-0
Griffith 3-0
Merrillville 3-0
Laf. Jeff 0-0
Andrean 2-0
Crown Point 1-3

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK:

Elena Falloon,
junior

3 p.m. Get dressed
3:15 p.m. Practice
starts with running and
warm-up
3:45 p.m. Ball work
and drills
4:30 p.m. Practice
games and scrimmages
5:30 p.m. Cool down
as practice ends

“The tougher
practices helped us
with our endurance.
One of our biggest
advantages over
the competition
was our physical
stamina. Practices
also strengthened us
mentally which helped
us to come back
from behind in close
games.”



Girls' Varsity Soccer Team (first row) Kristen Pagan, Sophie Griggs, Angela Banas, Allyce Carlson, Bailey Remece. (second row) Lauren Lip-ton, Danielle Flores, Julie Bembeni-sta, Elena Falloon, Leah Broussier, Meghan Guthrie. (third row) Coach Donna Sopko, Stephanie Hoffman, Coach Tim Sopko, Stefanie Dohm-an, Coach Valerie Pflum, Kate Var-num, Coach John Fekete. (back row) Jennifer Conley, Erin Goodman, Em-ily Yaeger, Amanda Scott, Leah Ko-



Girls' JV Soccer Team (first row) Allison Welch, Allison Medina, Stephanie Poulos, Jenna Roller. (second row) Kathryn Krull, Allison Brown, Karen Gouwens, Tieg Al-exander, Tessa McCuan. (third row) Coach Donna Sopko, Bailey Remece, Coach Tim Sopko, Amy Fuhs, Coach Valerie Pflum, Amanda Schulte, Coach John Fekete. (back row) Sarah Wachala, Kaitlyn Flores, Kristina Carlson, Lauren Blazev-ich, Melissa Webber.



Successful games lead to LAC Champs, but Sectional victory eludes girls

in the RUNNING

Cleats gripping the green turf, Girls' Varsity Soccer rushed onto the Lake Central fields with high hopes of defeating Crown Point. As the teams went head to head, thoughts of last season's victory and the aspiration for a chance at Semi-State motivated them.

"We tried to take it one game at a time, but I think everyone anticipated another successful post-season," Elena Falloon, junior, said. "We were hoping to get back to Semi-State, as well as defend our Sectional and Regional titles."

With the last tick of the time clock in double over time, all hopes vanished and the season came to a close. Players with grass-stained knees and sweat-drenched faces stood in disbelief. Two points shy of victory with a final season record of 6-8-2, the girls just missed their chance at Sectional finals.

Playing catch-up

Frantically dashing towards Valparaiso's sweeper, Kate Varnum, junior, tries to retrieve the ball. "Valpo was a really good team," Varnum said. "But we had just started out. It was early in the season." They lost the season's second game, 0-4.

Obstacles challenged the girls before Sectionals, but the team accepted the threats and took them head on.

"The biggest obstacles the team had to overcome came after the Portage game," Coach Tim Sopko, WWMS English teacher, said. "We were 0-3; just lost our return-

ing offensive MVP, Stephanie Hoffman; and had our first conference game and a tough tournament in Zionsville coming up. The girls responded with a great game against Hobart, a gutsy effort at the tournament, and didn't look back for the rest of the season."

The girls pushed into Conference and claimed the Championship title due to their Senior Night victory against Andean.

"The game against Andean on Senior Night was my best memory," Julie Bembenista, senior, said. "Beating Andean, winning Conference, and winning on Senior Night was awesome."

The victory lead to team bonding.

"Team unity was awesome this year," Stephanie Hoffman, senior, said. "We overcame a lot of injuries and a lot of girls were out at different times, but everyone really stepped it up."

As the girls sauntered off the field in defeat, disappointment over their loss to Crown Point shone in their eyes. After the tough strain of injuries and challenges, Coach Sopko's three words summed up the spirit— "never giving up."



Got her back

In a stance meant for action, Julie Bembenista, senior, prepares to thwart a shot as Danielle Flores steals the ball. Galle has been Julie's favorite position

since she started playing soccer. "As goalie, I'm the last line of defense," Julie Bembenista, senior, said. "It's important to give it your all and not have any regrets."



Hit 'n run

Aggressively running after her opponent, Kristin Pagane (2), sophomore, attempts to take control of the ball from Valparaiso. "We were ready for Valpo, but it didn't work in our favor," Pagane said. "They were stronger and faster."

A crutch above

Crutch raised, Stefanie Hoffman cheers with the team despite her injury. The team got psyched up during half-time pep sessions. "Hoffman would stick up her crutch and everyone would just scream," Stefanie Dohman, junior, said.

REACH Disappointing season ends with Sectional Championship their stride

A challenging and grueling season pushed the teams' patience as they struggled to get past their 4-12 record and revive confidence that would take them to a Sectional championship.

Struggling through player suspensions, injuries and extended games, the team persisted and pushed through a fast paced schedule, ending at 7-13.

"The team was strong. No matter the rough times we encountered, we continued to try," Head Coach Jim Prasopoulos, said. "It was tough to play as a team,

because there were too many different personalities."

Although personalities differed, the team still worked like a family, according to Chris Witter, sophomore.

"(Niko) Culic and (Tom) Sapya were like big brothers," Witter said. "They helped us get through the season."

Like a family, the boys faced troublesome times, but worked on accomplishing individual goals.

"When I'm out on the field the only thing that runs

through my mind is 'make something happen,'" Leo Giannakis, junior, said.

After disappointment ensued from a 4-12 record, the boys stepped up.

"Our coach really prepared us well going into Sectionals," Giannakis, said. "He did not say we were going to do well, but he said it was time to surprise people and really want it."

Time and motivation were key as they prepared to advance into Sectionals.

"As captain my motivation was to motivate my teammates," captain Niko Culic, senior, said, "I pushed them to strive to win."

Overtime proved helpful during the sectional games. Paired against Bishop Noll for the second stage, overtime pushed the game to 94 minutes, ending with a 3-1 victory.

"This team was hard-working, but not consistent," Coach Prasopoulos, said. "When they got motivated enough they worked and worked hard."

The team continued to work to win Regionals, but for the third consecutive year they lost to rivals Lake Central leaving their record 7-13.

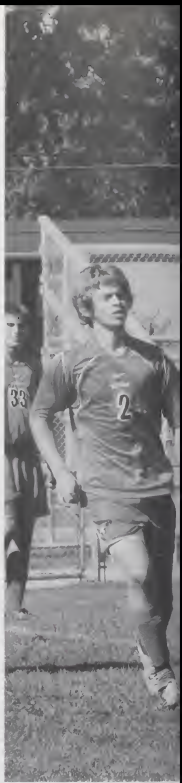
According to Coach Prasopoulos the boy's strength resembled that of players who knew how to work as a real team. "Respecting your teammates in the end is better than a win-loss record." Coach Prasopoulos said.

High-and-mighty

Striving for the best, Niko Culic (6), senior, leaps for the ball to pass to his fellow teammates. Facing early season pressures, the boys held together to make a name for them selves. "Being a captain and a role model for the younger kids inspired me to play harder," Culic said.

Victory lap

Pure joy overwhelms the team as it runs across the field with their Sectional Championship trophy. Grant Felgenhauer (18), senior; juniors Jeff Reuter (19) and Joey Domenico (10); and sophomores Krste Ruiz (13) and Nick Stoffregon (14) storm the field after their 6-0 victory over Morton. "We found some challenges during the season and the trophy was something that we viewed as a reward for our perseverance," Domenico said.





Power throw

With his teammates open, Bennet Cerven (9), junior, ferociously throws the ball into play. EC Central's winning streak was broken when the boys won in

overtime 1-0. "We all played our hearts out in this game," Cerven said. "I went into this game knowing that if we didn't win, it was the last of our season."



Varsity Soccer

7-13

Sectional Champs

Portage 1-3
Highland 0-1
Warsaw 0-3
Valparaiso 2-4
Morton 6-3
Chesleron 0-1
Andrean 2-3
Crown Point 1-3
Bishop Noll 2-1
Mishawaka Marian 2-5
East Chicago 1-2
Lake Central 2-5
Griffith 1-2
Wheeler 5-1
Hobart 5-3
Merrillville 0-2

Sectionals

East Chicago 1-0
Bishop Noll 2-1
Morton 6-0

Regionals

Lake Central 0-4

JV Soccer

9-3-3

Portage 0-1
Highland 5-0
Warsaw 0-1
Valparaiso 2-1
Morton 6-0
Chesleron 1-0
Andrean 3-1
Crown Point 4-0
Bishop Noll 2-0
Mishawaka Marian 0-1
East Chicago 2-2
Lake Central 0-0
Griffith 2-0
Hobart 11-0
Merrillville 0-0



Boys' JV Soccer Team (front row) Patrick McIntyre, Timothy Yee, Terry Grunewald, Erick Ferrer, Alec Shmagranoff, Adam Cooper (second row) Coach Jim Prasopoulos, Michael Wey, Jonathan Eloisa, Billy Hasse, Brian Schmidt, Eric Nelson, Coach Ron Moore (back row) Sonny Marceic, Chris Witter, Joe Sholtz, Seth Flahaven, Marcus Alfonsi, Jeff Lucas



Hip-hop

Suddenly the Sectional game changes as Dan Petrovic (5), junior, gets helped off the field by fellow teammate Joey Domenico (5), junior, and trainer Mr. John Doherty. "It

was sad that I couldn't play any longer, but it helped that my teammate was there," Petrovic said. "It showed me that [Joey] really cared and he was a real teammate."

Boys' Varsity Soccer Team (front row) Stefan Coric, Leo Giannakis, Joey Domenico, Bennet Cerven, Pete Brousalis, Tom Sapota (second row) Coach Jim Prasopoulos, Dan Petrovic, Grant Felgenhauer, Alex Sake-laris, Matt Goodman, Krste Ruiz, Kyle Stewart, Coach Ron Moore (back row) Josh Vega, Mirko Tepavac, Nick Stoffregen, Chip Andrews, Brandon Ruiz, Nick Shelton, Niko Culic

From the stands

"Fans change the whole attitude of the game. They can pump you up or psych you out."

Grant Felgenhauer, senior

"The players statistics, records and their history all made me their fan. I like all the spirit that the players and the fans possess for the game."

Omar Prado, freshman

Redemption on their
mind, boys beat
Highland to win back
Regional Championship

SERVING notice

Revenge can be sweet, but for the Varsity Boys' Tennis Team, redemption proved even sweeter.

Redemption, printed on the back of the boys' shirts, became the team motto. After a disheartening loss against Highland at Regionals last year, the team practiced diligently throughout the season to become the top-ranked team in the region and 16th in the state.

Their first chance for redemption came during the regular season when they faced Highland at home court.

"The guys had been waiting for this match since last year," Head Coach Mr. Steve Lopez, history teacher, said. "They were very focused, and they wanted to redeem themselves."

Seniors Chris Bakker and Andrew Kitchell, pummeled the No. Two Highland doubles team, upsetting Highland's plan of gaining points in this event.

No. One singles player, Tom Cafmeyer,

er, junior, added to the victory by defeating Highland's Danny Tzanetakos, 6-3.

"[Tzanetakos] was named Player of the Year," Cafmeyer said. "Last year I choked during the meet and lost to him. This year I just came out and beat him. I was so giddy that night."

In the Crown Point match, No. One doubles player Tony Kanavos, junior, split open his finger taking him out for the next few games. Brian Joseph, senior, took his place and ended with a win.

Beating Lake Central and Morton in Sectionals, the team headed to their second meet against Highland for the Regional Championship.

Sweeping Highland 5-0, the team moved on to the Semi-State. They defeated Warsaw with another 5-0 win, but fell short to Penn, losing 1-4 to end their five post-season sweeps.

"We were a really strong team and we just had to play our game," Kanavos said. "But [Penn] ended up getting second in State."

Redemption served

Serving with all of his might, Tony Kanavos, junior, squares off against his opponent during the Regional competition. "We wanted to win at Regionals so badly," Kanavos said. "We worked hard all season to get to Regionals so we could redeem ourselves."



It's their racket

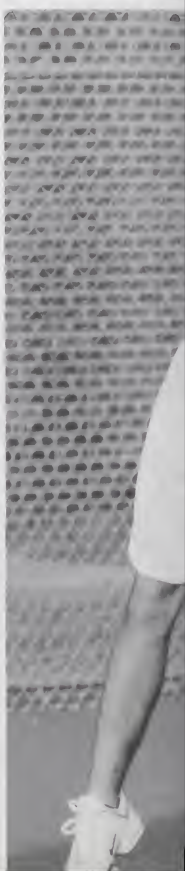
Pumped and ready, Naveen Chaubal, junior, congratulates double partner Tony Kanavos, junior, after scoring a point. "We tried to have a game plan for each match," Chaubal said. "Our team was driven."



Young blood

After winning his match, Billy Huer, freshman, answers questions for Ernie Nims, sports announcer at Regionals.

"Our 12 year winning streak was upset by last year's loss," Huer said. "So we started a new winning streak."





All shook up

With a smile, senior captains Chris Bakker and Andrew Kitchell accept the Regional Championship plaque. The team beat their rival, Highland, in the final round of Regionals. "It felt good to beat Highland as a senior," Kitchell said. "My cousin was a senior on Highland so that made it even better."

Best served cold

With the full force of his body, Tom Cafemeyer, junior, strains to serve to his opponent at Regionals. "It was important for us to do well against Highland," Cafemeyer said. "We all trained as hard as we could because we needed to beat them." Cafemeyer made the Second Team All State Singles at the end of the season.



Varsity Tennis 17-5

Regional Champs

Hobart 5-0
Valparaiso 5-0
Lake Central 5-0
Andean 5-0
North Central Invitational
2nd place
Carmel 1-4
Zionsville 2-3
West Lafayette 2-3
Kankakee Valley 5-0
Highland 4-1
Griffith 5-0
Lowell 5-0
Chesterton 4-1
Crown Point 5-0
Merrillville 4-1

LaPorte Invitational

Penn 0-5
LaPorte 4-1

Sectionals

Lake Central 5-0
Morton 5-0

Regionals

Bishop Noll 5-0
Highland 5-0

Semi-State

Warsaw 5-0
Penn 1-4



Boys' Tennis Team (front row) Ben Gouwens, Jeff Chou, Justin Burns, Billy Heuer, Tom Cafemeyer, Ravi Shah, Naveen Chaubal, Tony Kanavos, Andrew Kitchell, Chris Bakker (second row) Coach Steve Lopez, Mike Hiebasko, John Richardson, Danny Alexander, John Rogers, Alex Galante, Bryan Joseph, Akash Rustia, Matt Shreve, Asst. Coach Bill Karr (back row) Viraj Maniar, Matt Kuehn, Talha Qureshi, Mike Curran, Pat Behrens, Rohan Warnar, Graham Hanas, Austin Wynn, Jacob Tepperman, Stephen Ong

Injuries
can't
stop team
from earning
Conference
Co-Champs

hitting BUMPS

Assumption often implies ignorance, but assuming a position is what the girls on the Volleyball Team did best. After four major injuries, including team captain Monica Manoski, senior, the girls didn't have much choice.

Injuries plagued the varsity roster; Chelsy Kimes, junior, and Manoski both sprained their ankles; Nikki Malo, junior, injured her thumb, and Stephanie Andrade, senior, injured her shoulder.

"The injuries forced people to play positions they normally didn't," Kimes said. "We lost some games, but once everyone was back we were stronger than before."

Luckily the varsity roster was large enough to fill all but two spots.

"We had to bring up two JV players, but the rest of the varsity team had to fill our spots," Kimes said.

Injuries proved no match for desire as the girls stepped up their defense at the LAC Black Conference, to become Co-Champs with Lowell.

Winning Conference helped motivate the team to pursue their season goals of winning Sectionals and Regionals, according to Manoski.

Facing Lowell for the second time in the season, the assumption of yet another win proved wrong when they lost in the opening round at Sectionals.

"It was a horrible feeling, losing to Lowell," captain Lauren Gaskey, senior, said. "We all expected to win but it seemed like they came out more prepared."

With injuries and lowered confidence, senior captains had to step up and work toward bringing the team together, according to Coach Bill Grey.

"As captain I had more responsibility in helping the team succeed," Gaskey said.

On and off the court, the captains led by voice and action, according to Coach Grey.

Despite the injuries, the girls pulled out success by becoming Conference Co-Champions and by defeating Valparaiso for the first time since 1998.

"[The injuries] impacted us big time," Coach Grey said. "We hit major bumps in the road. It took an emotional and physical toll on us, but considering everything we kept our heads above water. We were bobbing, but it could have been a lot worse."

Pass it off

Focused on passing to a setter, Monica Manoski, senior, receives a serve. Manoski usually acted as an outside hitter, but showed her versatility by playing different positions. "It was difficult and you definitely needed to be aggressive to keep your spot," Manoski said.

Victory dance

To celebrate a point after a play, Chelsy Kimes, junior; Natalie Emro, sophomore; with seniors Ashley Gaskey cheer for a block. "Sometimes it intimidated the other team," Boyan said. "It really just shows our spirit." The team made up the cheers during the summer, continuing the tradition of increasing team spirit.

All for one

Running in for a huddle, Natalie Emro, sophomore, gathers with the rest of her team during a match.

"We would put our hands up all together to show unity and that we stayed together," Emro said. "We always came to play as a team."





Nothing but net
While bumping over the net Stephanie Andrade, senior, forces her opponent to set up for a spike. "The team strived for the win in every game," Andrade said. "We made every point count."



Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team (front row) Katie Lissy, Jennifer Dicostranzo, Monica Manoski, Cheley Kimes, Jessica Konda, Ashley Boyan (second row) Coach Janet Worles, Coach Don Fortner, Natalie Emro, Coach Bill Grey, Coach Jenny Sliwa (back row) Lauren Gaskey, Katie Hamilton, Stephanie Andrade, Nikki Malo



Girls' JV Volleyball Team (front row) Lizzy Monell, Colleen Shaw, Sarah Rubino, Molly Sliwa, Angie Toth (second row) Coach Bill Grey, Kelly Wade, Coach Jenny Sliwa, Coach Don Fortner, Toni Michalski, Coach Janet Worles (back row) Lindsey Ziemba, Jamie Lissy, Abby Brokop, Stephanie Lemus, Lauren Matula



Girls' Freshman Volleyball Team (front row) Phoebe Conner, Cara Bruzan, Emilee Smith, Becca Shapiro, Breck Scarnavack (second row) Coach Don Fortner, Jessica DeBoer, Coach Janet Worles, Coach Bill Grey, Taylor Lee, Coach Jenny Sliwa (back row) Mary Herald, Eryn Whiting, Ashley Eiland, Erin Moss, Kylie Morris

Varsity Volleyball

16-10

Conference

Co-Champs

Valparaiso 3-0
Lake Central 2-3
Hobart 3-0
Andean 3-0
Griffith 3-0
Highland 3-2
Munster Invitational
Portage 2-0
Plymouth 2-0
South Bend St. Joe 2-0
TF South 0-2
Whiting 3-0
Wheeler 1-3
Laf. Jeff Tournament
Alexandria 2-0
Penn 0-2
Laf. Jeff 1-2
Homestead 1-2
Bishop Noll 3-0
Calumet 3-0
Kankakee Valley 3-0
Merrillville Invitational
Merrillville 1-2
Mishawaka 0-2
Fort Wayne Northwest 0-2
Gavitt 3-0
Lowell 3-1
Crown Point 2-3
Morton 3-1
Sectionals
Lowell 0-5

JV Volleyball

20-3

Conference Champs

Valparaiso 3-0
Lake Central 2-3
Hobart 3-0
Andean 3-0
Griffith 3-0
Highland 3-2
Michigan City Invitational
Penn 2-1
Michigan City 2-0
Marquette 2-0
Fort Wayne Snider 0-2
Whiting 3-0
Wheeler 1-3
Bishop Noll 2-0
Calumet 2-0
Kankakee Valley 2-0
Gavitt 2-1
Lowell 2-1
Crown Point 2-1
Morton 2-1
LAC Tournament
Lowell 2-0
Wheeler 2-0
Bishop Noll 2-1
Highland 1-3

Freshman

Volleyball

20-7

Lake Central 2-0
Hobart 2-0
Andean 1-2
Griffith 2-0
Calumet 2-0
Hammond 2-0
Wheeler 2-0
Clark 2-1
Bishop Noll 2-1
Highland 2-0
Portage 2-1
Crown Point 2-0
Gavitt 2-0
Lowell 2-0
Morton 2-0
Valpo Invite
Griffith 2-0
Boone Grove 2-0
Bishop Noll 1-2
Lake Central Tourney
LaPorte 2-1
Hobart 2-0
Andean 0-2
Valpo Tourney
Cheslerston 1-2
Valparaiso 1-2
Portage 2-0
Marion Invite
Joliet 1-2
Licolnway East 0-2
Bradley 2-0

Driving force

Eyes on the hoop, Aric Van Weelden, senior, drives to the basket at the Clark game. With 573 total points, Van Weelden ranked 19 on the career scoring list and received *Times* All Area First Team honors. "It was great being a senior because I had a big impact on the team," Van Weelden said.

Floor control

Calling out a play, Mike Bizoukas, junior, directs the team on the court. As captain, Bizoukas served as the floor leader. "I've been playing basketball for a long time so making calls on the court comes naturally to me," Bizoukas said. He earned *Times* All Area First Team honors at the end of the season.

Varsity Basketball

20-3

Conference Champs

Chesterton 67-61

Hammond 70-44

Fort Wayne North 58-49

Calumet 80-48

Lake Central 51-39

Merrillville 49-45

Andrean 53-54

East Chicago 60-63

Lowell 80-37

Bishop Noll 58-26

Highland 46-28

Valparaiso 55-53

Griffith 66-53

Hobart 58-46

Gary West Side 60-64

Portage 70-40

Wirt 65-42

Wallace 78-50

LAC Tourney

Hobart 57-38

Clark 72-60

Highland 55-47

Andrean 53-51

Sectionals

West Side 69-50

East Chicago 54-55

TEAM LEADERS:

55

three pointers
Jeff Marinier

13

assists in a game
Mike Bizoukas

573

total career points
Aric Van Weelden

143

assists in a season
Mike Bizoukas

Jeff Marinier, senior



Post it

With the ball in his hand, Nick Stolarz, senior, goes up for a jump shot. The team lost to East

Chicago 60-63 during the season. "On defense, we struggled against E'twaun Moore" Stolarz said.





calling the CONFERENCE shots

Visions of fans dressed in black swirled past captain Mike Bizoukas, junior, as he ran down the basketball court at Valparaiso High School. Down by one point, *The Times'* No. One ranked team blocked Bizoukas from getting inside the key and making an easy lay-up.

"During the game, we all knew that to be recognized as a top team we needed to beat Valparaiso," Bizoukas said.

Looking for an open teammate, Bizoukas found Jeff Marinier, senior, and quickly passed him the ball. Marinier, at the right corner, shot and sank a three pointer in the last 51 seconds, putting his team two points ahead.

"I can't put into words what it felt like when I hit my three-pointer," Marinier said. "Coach [Hackett] told me I was going to get a three in the game. I couldn't explain the confidence that he and my teammates had in me."

With Valparaiso trailing, the team pulled ahead by four points when a Valparaiso player fouled Steve Luptak, junior, and Luptak made both of his free throws in the last 10 seconds of the game.

"When Luptak hit both of his free throws I knew we'd

won the game," Marinier said.

After three ties and five lead changes, the team handed Valparaiso their first loss of the season and demolished their 25-game winning streak.

The Valparaiso game was one of two difficult games the boys played back to back one January weekend. The night before they headed to Highland, in hopes of securing a three-way tie for the Lake Athletic Conference (LAC) Black Title.

"We had one Conference loss," Head Coach Mike Hackett, health teacher said. "Going into the game, Highland and Andrean were both undefeated and the only way for us to attain our goal of Conference Champions was to beat Highland and end up in a three way tie."

Hitting 53 percent of their shots, they defeated Highland 46-28. Luptak played a large role in the victory by holding back Highland's top guard, Andrew Helmer, senior, according to Coach Hackett.

"Steve was one of our best perimeter defenders and one of the better shooters," Coach Hackett said.

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Meeting their season goals, boys' win LAC tournament and tie for Conference Champs, but fall short to East Chicago in second Sectional round

Team up

Swaying side to side, the boys' huddle together to talk about plays and pump each other up for the game. "We huddled to show team unity and did a team chant before the start of each game," Dan Crisman, junior, said.



Rebound Race

Ready to snatch a rebound, Scott Rutkowski, senior, battles former teammate, Joe Wings, junior, for the ball at the Lake Central

game. "It was just friendly competition," Rutkowski said. "They were our friends on another team and we played them like they were any other team."

JV Basketball

17-2
 Chesterton 38-43
 Hammond 49-36
 Calumet 45-26
 Hobart 46-35
 Clark 54-36
 Lake Central 38-21
 Merrillville 41-35
 Andean 52-36
 East Chicago 42-39
 Lowell 46-44
 Bishop Noll 54-31
 Highland 44-32
 Valparaiso 33-38
 Griffith 49-36
 Hobart 45-30
 West Side 33-32
 Portage 51-41
 Wirt 54-24
 Wallace 48-32

Freshman Basketball

12-7
 Lowell 39-20
 Morton 41-18
 Clark 50-45
 Hobart 45-30
 Portage 43-32
 Highland 39-35
 Lake Central 27-29
 Bishop Noll 38-25
 Roosevelt 22-52
 Gavitt 51-13
 Griffith 44-24
 Hammond 42-40
 East Chicago 25-48
 Merrillville 29-31
 Calumet 43-27
 Valparaiso 22-36
 Andean 37-26

Highland Tournament
 Highland 28-30
 Crown Point 50-53



Boys' Varsity Basketball Team (front row) Luke Hackett, Jon Contos, Eni Uwidia, Tommy Mambourg, Mike Bizoukas, Jeff Mariner, Steve Luptak, Drew Hackett, (second row) Arie VanWeelden, Dan Crisman, Miles Mandic, Scott Rutkowski, Nick Stolarz, Mike Sudbury, Mike Fisher (back row) Coach Mike Mikolajczyk, Coach Greg Lukich, Coach Jake Argenta, Coach Mike Hackett, Coach Jeff Tucker, Trainer John Doherty



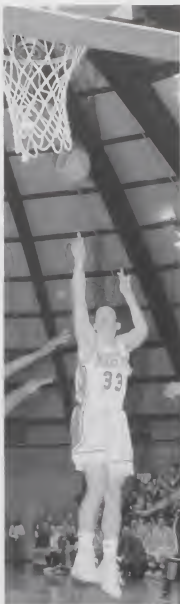
Boys' Junior Varsity Basketball Team (front row) Jon Contos, Eni Uwidia, Krste Ruiz, Matt Gaskey, Jeff Spyrrka, Brandon Ruiz (second row) Alex Brajak, Joe Gill, Jovan Andjelich, Milos Mandic, Mike Fisher, Tony DiCostanzo, Pat Behrens (back row) Coach Jake Argenta, Coach Greg Lukich



Boys' Freshman Basketball Team (front row) Demetrios Pitsas, Marcin Kuzma, Ian Boswell, Ray Lopez, Joe Martinez, Fred Olasebikan (second row) Alex McGuire, Kyle Fox, Seth Flahaven, Ben Varum, A.J. Spolnik, Sean Dillner, Jeff Lucas (back row) Coach Mike Mikolajczyk

One jump ahead

Focused on the basket, Jeff Mariner, senior, shoots a pull-up jumper in the West Side Sectional game. Sinking 55 shots, Mariner set the record for the highest percentage of three-pointers in a season. "It was an honor to set a record like that," Mariner said. "Hopefully it lasts."



LEAVING HIS MARK:

Scott Rutkowski

Grade: 12
 Position: 6'9 center

"I ended up scoring 31 points in the game against Griffith. I just kept reaching for rebounds. Also, my teammates found me on the court and passed me the ball."

Search and rescue

Searching for an open teammate, Steve Luptak, junior, gets ready to pass the ball at the Clark game. After defeating Clark 72-60, the boys played Andean in the LAC tournament. "The Andean game was the best because they were considered a good team," Luptak said.



calling the CONFERENCE shots

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With Conference Champions crossed off their season goals checklist, the team moved onto another priority, winning Sectionals. They hosted West Side in the first game of Sectional play.

"We expected it to be a tough game," Luptak said. "We lost to West Side by four during the season, but this time we wanted it more."

Hitting 23 of 29 free throws, Munster knocked West Side out of anymore post-season games, 69-50.

On defense, guard Aric Van Weelden, senior, blocked West Side's Jamil Tucker, an Indiana First Team All Stater, and kept him to only scoring 10 points in the game.

"He was a lot taller than me, so I had to play him physically and obstruct his vision," Van Weelden said. He led the game with 16 points.

Caught in midair

With Gary West Side players behind him, Aric Van Weelden, senior, reaches for a rebound at the first round of Sectionals. "I hated losing at the end of the season because you knew it was over," Van Weelden said.

Silent Salute

Respectively looking at the flag, Tommy Mambourg, junior, along with Luke and Drew Hackett, observe the National Anthem with his team before the game. "I didn't mind the National Anthem at games," Mambourg said. "It gave me time to mentally prepare."

Paired against East Chicago (EC) Central, they moved on to the second sectional game. Losing by three points in the regular season game, the boys prepared for another close match.

"We worked hard that week on getting inside the key; that was pretty much our game plan," Coach Hackett said. "We knew it would be close, but we prepared to come out on top."

After a back and forth game, they lost by one point in overtime, ending the season and ruining their chances at winning Sectionals, according to Bizoukas.

"We didn't end the season how we wanted to, but I still had a great time playing with the four seniors," Bizoukas said. "They came to practice everyday and worked to get better and make the team stronger. The seniors genuinely cared about winning."



Fighting chance

With all of his strength, Mike Bizoukas, junior, fights to recover the ball during the LAC Tournament. They beat Clark 72-60 in the second game of

the tournament. "Clark was a scrappy team and they liked to hustle, so we had to be quick and fight for the ball," Bizoukas said.

breaking a BANNER season

With early losses, the team starts off season slow, but fights back to win LAC Tournament and become Conference Champs

Gazing at the hoop, hearing the buzzer sound in the back of her mind, captain Libby Thompson, senior, stunned the team after scoring the winning shot at the Merrillville home game.

"After I hit the shot, I was in shock," Thompson said. "Even after leaving the locker room I still could not believe what had happened."

Believe it or not, that two-pointer pushed the team past Merrillville 53-51. With determination they began to improve in many aspects, according to Head Coach Beth Vesa, algebra teacher.

"The team had better overall talent, better work ethics, and the will to practice even in the off season," Coach Vesa said. "They made themselves better individually and this bettered the team."

With improvements in defense and half-court offense, the team approached every top team with high expectations, according to Coach Vesa. With expectations high and goals set, the girls helped

each other focus on winning Sectionals with the help of senior leadership.

"[Being captain] was a very important role," captain Jackie Yerga, senior, said. "You had to be a leader and always show up to practice with a good attitude so the team would feed off the energy."

Determined as a whole, the girls went full steam into the first Sectional round, blowing Highland away, 53-34. After losing to East Chicago (EC) Central earlier in the season by 15 points, the girls focused on the second stage, but they came up short.

Sadness overwhelmed the team as their season ended with a two point loss to EC Central 48-50.

"We gave it our all and it was a close game," Thompson said. "We lost to them before and it was sad to let go because we wanted to win it."

Despite the loss, high points

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Breaking through

Excitement overpowers the team as they stampede onto the court to show their confidence in the game. "I was the first to go through," Hallie Gibbs, junior, said. "At that game we won, so it became a tradition, and we went in the same order every time."



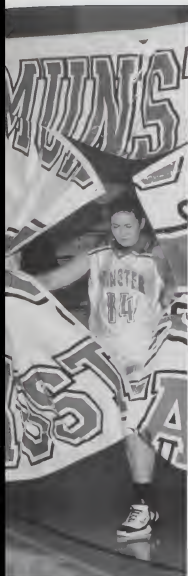
All for one

Before the buzzer sounds, the team huddles for a chant. "They were goofy, dedicated, and tenacious," Head Coach Beth Vesa, algebra teacher, said. "They worked hard and practiced hard."

Run for it

Intensely running to the hoop, Jackie Yerga, senior, plays in the Conference Tournament game. "My team motivated me to win," Yerga said. "If I made a mistake they helped me forget about it."





Blue block

With her focus on the basket, Jennifer Dicostanzo, junior, looks past her Highland opponent. "We played them three times," Dicostanzo said. "The best time was when we played them at home for Sectionals." The team beat Highland all three times.

Words of advice

Huddled together, the girls listen to Head Coach, Beth Vesa, algebra teacher, during a time out. "We talked about staying composed," Coach Vesa said. "In the end, their confidence and knowing we were the better team, calmed them down."

MARK HER WORDS:

Lauren Meneghetti

Grade: 11
Position: Guard

"Basketball is my favorite sport, I love the competitiveness and the up beat tempo of every game. I take it seriously and dedicate a lot of time to it. While I play for myself I also play for my team because I am the one who made the decision to be apart of it."



breaking a BANNER season

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"It was a tough loss [EC Central], but we played hard," Hallie Gibbs, junior, said. "I know we deserved it after all our hard work, but in the end our record of wins is what matters."

Winning the tip-off at the Lake Athletic Conference Tournament semifinals against Highland ignited a night of up-tempo plays. This led to a close game until the fourth quarter when the girls pulled out a nine point lead.

"It was really exciting beating Highland," Lauren Meneghetti, junior, said. "We were all really happy because it was long overdue."

After Highland's five-year hold on the tournament, the girls ripped the title from their hands with a 48-39, defeating them for the first time in nine games.

With a twist of fate after receiving the trophy as LAC Tournament Champs,

captains Kristen Reuth and Libby Thompson, seniors, held it for a moment as the crowd watched the trophy fall to the stage.

"When we got the trophy we grabbed it and it was already loose," Thompson said. "Then it just fell. The papers made such a big deal out of it like we broke it, when [really] it was already broken."

After broken hopes of winning Sectionals, the team watched the seniors wrap up their careers as part of the Girls' Basketball Team. Saying goodbye to four years of up-and-downs and bonding with the team and coach proved difficult.

"It was sad to leave everybody," Yerga said. "I wasn't ready to leave. I still felt like a freshman, and being with the team and Vesa for four years it was hard to let it all go."

Within reach

At the rescheduled Andrean game, captain Libby Thompson, senior, goes up for the rebound aiding in the team's 72-49 victory. "Their coach said that we couldn't beat them," Thompson said. "But we did beat them by 28 points; it was a big win."



Girls' Varsity Basketball Team (front row) Emily Beezhold, Alex Andjelich, Kristin Reuth, Katelyn Chovanec, Hallie Gibbs, Libbie Thompson, Melissa Vargo (second row) Patty Pfister, Coach Beth Vesa, Coach Tracy Ritzema, Natalie Emro, Coach Bob Shinkan, Coach Jim Davidson (back row) Karen Larsen, Jackie Yerga, Jennifer DiCostanzo, Lauren Meneghetti, Chelsy Kimes



LEAVING HER MARK:

Natalie Emro

Grade: 10
Record: 73 blocks

"Getting second in the Region [for blocks] was a great accomplishment. It will push me to do better and improve more than I did this year. My teammates really helped me by always staying focused and being positive, telling us that in the end everything would be ok."

Dribble and drive

Driving the ball down the court at the Andrean game, Hallie Gibbs, junior, pushes the opposing team back to lead the ball into the hole. "I wanted to play the best I could for the team," Gibbs said.

Push and shove

Dedicated to the game, Lauren Meneghetti, junior, drives past her Andrean opponent. "Our team got along well," Meneghetti said. "We realized we had a chance, so we had fun and played our best."



Moving on down

After grabbing a rebound, Chelsea Kimes, junior, heads down court against East Chicago. "We came so close to beating a really good team at Sectionals," Kimes said.



Girls' Junior Varsity Basketball Team

(front row) Gina Novakovich, Kristen Pagane, Ashley Moore, Amanda Scott, Justine Leonakis, Kari Michniewicz *(second row)* Katelyn Chovanec, Alana Phelan, Coach Tracy Ritzenma, Colleen Shaw, Kelly Mashura *(back row)* Patty Pfister, Karen Larsen, Melissa Vargo

Girls' Freshman Basketball Team

(front row) Laura Kinser, Erin Moss, Jessica Novotney, Jill Mag-saysay *(second row)* Sarah Roberts, Brianne Ruben-sha, Coach Bob Shinkan, Leigh Fimbianti, Samantha Smith *(back row)* Sarah Posey, Ann Perz

Varsity Basketball

19-5

Conference Champs

Valparaiso 37-53
Chesterton 55-58
Bishop Noll 62-24
Gavitt 62-15
Hobart 51-26
Lake Central 44-39
Griffith 56-33
Gary West Side 50-66
Highland 47-37
Merrillville 53-51
Penn 48-39
Calumet 59-43
Andean 72-49
Morton 60-19
Kankakee Valley 65-36
East Chicago 40-57
Lowell 55-44
Portage 59-37

LAC Tourney

Clark 83-15
Andean 54-27
Lowell 45-33
Highland 48-39

Sectionals

Highland 53-34
East Chicago 48-50

JV Basketball

16-5

Valparaiso 30-33
Chesterton 45-33
Bishop Noll 47-12
Gavitt 45-11
Hobart 37-20
Lake Central 32-37
Griffith 29-17
Gary West Side 35-37
Highland 33-28
Merrillville 12-21
Penn 32-28
Calumet 33-17
Andean 32-24
Morton 41-33
Kankakee Valley 52-31
East Chicago 21-18
Lowell 33-15
Portage 19-31

Freshman

Basketball

14-4

Hobart 33-27
Lake Central 30-35
Andean 29-28
Highland 33-27
Calumet 35-19
Merrillville 52-13
Lowell 33-13
Andean 27-19
Morton 30-8
Griffith 44-30
LaPorte 40-13
Portage 29-22
Highland 40-28
Griffith 43-27
Valparaiso 21-35
Gary West Side 46-35

Lowell Tournament

Calumet 41-46
Hammond 49-56

Swimming
19-14

Sectional Champs

Penn 120-66
Lowell 142-38
Munster Relays 1st
Griffith 123-64
Valparaiso 125-61
Portage 139-46
Calumet 193-56
Lake Central 97-116
Merrillville 122-44
Highland 113-98
Chessteron 77.5-108.5
Bishop Noll 5-3
Highland Invite
2nd place

Hamilton

Southeastern Invite
2nd place

LAC Tourney
1st place

Sectionals
1st place

State
5th place

Sectional Champs
Bryan Chevonac
Andrew Kaminski
Joe Raycroft

State Finals

Joe Raycroft
Andrew Kaminski
Matt Thompson
Mitch Farnsley
Will Leary
Jeff Heinz

State Champ
Bryan Chevonac



**LEAVING
HIS MARK:**

Bryan Chovanec

Grade: 12

Best Event: 50 Freestyle

Best Time: 20:81 seconds

"My biggest accomplishment was winning State this year. My biggest influence has been my teammates. They were around me 12 hours a day and were like my family. During practice they challenged me and pushed me beyond my limits."



Back it up

During practice, Greg Meyer, freshman, swims backstroke. "I've been swimming for a while," Meyer said. "But it was the first time I experienced such a team effort to win."

Team trophy

To hype the team's morale, Will Leary, senior, holds up Woody the Seahorse, before a meet. "It was a tradition that our team has to hold up the mascot," Leary said.



breathing down LAKE CENTRAL'S neck

With an unexpected loss to Lake Central, the swim team encountered its first loss to an unlikely opponent.

Although the boys hit this rocky meet early in January, they pulled through and came back to defeat their rival Lake Central during Sectionals with a 365.5 score. This meet proved to be among the most exciting for the boys, according to captain, Joe Raycroft, junior.

"Winning Sectionals was a highlight of the season for me," Raycroft said. "A lot of people hyped it up because Lake Central beat us during the season. It was a pretty big meet for us."

Adding to the season's atmosphere, the Portage meet gave the boys their 500th Dual Meet win, the only team in Indiana to accomplish this feat.

Sharing in the excitement, Coach Robin Tobias, English teacher, took over coaching the boys' team. He helped to cheer on and mold the team, according to Connor Leto, junior.

"Coach Tobias was a good coach," Connor said. "His practices were difficult, but they paid off in the end."

The boys' early-morning practices and after-school work outs led to success at both Sectionals and State.

After beating Lake Central at Sectionals, the boys went to

State where they anticipated a Top 10 finish. They realized that a spot in the Top 10 was more than probable as they took fifth. Work, pride, and wanting to keep a successful tradition alive motivated the boys, according to Coach Tobias.

"We always have high expectations," Mr. Tobias said. "It's just interesting to see what individuals are going to step it up."

Brian Chevonac, senior, set a new record and became the first State Champ since 1999, by placing first in the 50-meter Freestyle with 20.81.

"I'd been training for this all through high school," Chevonac said. "I think I did very well. It's not every day someone wins a state championship."

Sharing in the limelight, Joe Raycroft, junior, earned fourth in both the 200-meter Individual Medley and the 100-meter Backstroke. Placing in an individual event as well, Andrew Kaminski, sophomore, earned a seventh place standing in the 100 Meter Breaststroke.

According to Coach Tobias, pride and tradition motivated the boys from the November Intrasquad meet to Indianapolis. Although they faced challenges like Lake Central, that pride and tradition kept them going and helped them establish their place in Indiana.

Unexpected loss pushes boys to 500th Dual Meet win, Conference and Sectional titles, along with 5th at State

Coming up for air
Head thrust out of the water, Joe Raycroft, junior, competes in the 200 IM. "It's different from other events," Raycroft said, "because in order to do well you have to be good in all four, not just one stroke." Raycroft placed fourth in the 200 IM at State.



Deep Breath

Fiercely pushing through the water, Grant Felgenhauer, senior, hurries to touch the end of the pool during the 200 Free Relay.

"I liked competing in the relay because of the excitement," Felgenhauer said. "The crowd pumped us up throughout the race."



Boys' Swim Team (front row) Brian Murphy, Chris Cheng, Tony Bissonnette, Dan Linneer, Bobby Romano, Joe O'Brien, Adam Mayer (second row) Warren Lane, Connor Leto, Zach Wallar, Adam Belkainous, Chance Morgan, Grant Felgenhauer, Evan Compton (third row) Dan Nootens, Will Leary, Sonny Marcetic, Mitch Farnsley, Joe Raycroft, Matt Thompson, Tony Markovich, Andrew Kaminski, Tommy Bassetto (fourth row) Bryan Chovanec, David Linneer, Matt Vlasich, Matt Kuehn, Greg Meyer, Corey Bandura, Dan Boyle, Coach Robin Tobias, Griffin Tobias, Coach Larry Hautzinger (back row) Brendan Georgas, Jeff Heintz, Dan Lodge, Jeff Felszak, Tyler Schwartz, Jacob Lehmann, Evan Heintz, Coach Janel Tobias

Swimming and Diving

10-2

Sectional Champs

Penn 127-59
LaPorte 140-46
Crown Point 121-59
Carmel 66-122
Lowell 147-30
Griffith 124-62
Valparaiso 112-74
Portage 124-62
Calumet 108-85
Lake Central 125-61
Merrillville 89-97
Chesterton 98-88

Highland Invite
1st place

Hamilton Southeastern
Invite
2nd place

LAC Tournament
1st place

Sectionals
1st place

State
10th place/94 pts.



Back-to-back

Gracefully arched, Amena Benman, sophomore, enters the water. "I felt nervous, but I just told myself that everything would be alright," Benman said. "I was totally focused on myself and the board. I basically thought about my body, my emotions, and that no one was in the room besides me."



LEAVING HER MARK:

Maggie Behrens,

Best stroke: 100 Back
Best time: 57.00

"I have been All-American for four consecutive years. Swimming has changed my high school experience. I'm more disciplined because it forces you to. All my closest friends are swimmers; they're like family."

Circle of friends

Arms encircled, the girls do the Red and White cheer. "When one of the circles went underwater we screamed 'red' and when they came back up the team screamed 'white,'" Alicia Tuuk, junior, said.

All wrapped up

Wrapped up in a towel, Maggie Behrens, senior, listens to Coach Robin Tobias. "He would give us last minute reminders," Behrens said. "Like how we had to defend our season record."



off on a FLYING START to state

It's hard to maintain a near-perfect season, but the Girls' Swim Team almost accomplished this—until State.

Although the girls had rising expectations for State, the anticipation fell when some swimmers did not make the state finals and the 400-meter Freestyle Relay of juniors Cara Briggs and Jordan Jancosek, and seniors Maggie Behrens and Julie Feingold became disqualified due to an early start. Although their wishes weren't met, the girls remained positive and finished 10th in Indianapolis.

"There were a few minor disappointments," Behrens said. "But overall it was a pretty good weekend."

Coming up

Arms spread like an eagle's wings, Alicia Tuuk, junior, speeds through the water. "I swam the [butterfly] since I was little," Tuuk said. "It is my best stroke. I was seated first on the team for Sectionals."

On a roll

Partially submerged while doing the free-style, Julie Feingold, senior, speedily hastens to the wall. "I usually did the backstroke because it was my best stroke," Feingold said.

Behrens placed third with a 57:51 in the 100-meter Backstroke and fifth with a 2:06:72 in the 200-meter Individual Medley. Along with Behrens, Feingold placed second in the 100-meter Breaststroke with a time of 1:04:23 and fourth in the 200-meter IM.

"I was kind of relieved to get second because I've gotten second the two years prior," Feingold said. "Going out with a bang was important for my senior year."

But no one could end with a bang lacking a busy practice

schedule. The time and effort the girls put in made swimming the only activity the girls could participate in, according to Cara Briggs, junior.

Cheering them all the way to State, parents and fans supported the team. The encouragement not only charged up swimmers, but divers as well.

The team of two put up fierce competition all through the season. Varsity divers Christina Kouklakis, junior, and Brittany Lewis, senior, beat Highland, taking the top two spots at Sectionals with 383.55 and 313.25, respectively.

"I did the best I could do and that helped the team a lot," Lewis said. "There was a lot of competition for me there, but I managed to stay strong and keep a positive attitude."

Whether a shut out against Portage or a 57.5 point loss against Hamilton Southeastern, the girls put forth their best effort, according to Coach Robin Tobias, English teacher.

"I was very proud about of their accomplishments," Tobias said. "There were definitely some challenges, but we had a good group of upperclassmen who were our team leaders. Everyone on the team made a good effort."

Hard work, pride, tradition push girls to win Sectionals and finish 10th at State



Girls' Swim Team (front row) Elle Kirby, Alex Frakes, Lauren Lomeli, Alicia Tuuk, Jennifer Romano, Valerie Alvarez, Molly Descombes, Breunne Lawler, Ariana Drennonis (second row) Ping Matungmingsak, Kelsey Hauflaire, Sara Sasamimari, Jordan Jancosek, Annie Marinakos, Julie Feingold, Maya Ciesdin, Stephanie Perz, Megan Hammermeister, Andrea Danow, Emily Ellison (third row) Abby Homans, Sara Brown, Shannon McCarthy, Cara Briggs, Maggie Behrens, Theresa Kretz, Anna Pyrciska, Tashi Damjanovich, Anja Mitric, Kathryn Martino, Nikki Pakan, Alex Hora, Courtney Hoyle (fourth row) Michelle Shimizu, Annie Seaman, Stephanie Gajewski, Sam Torres, Kelly Rausch, Paige Patterson, Marilyn Hansen, Laura Hennig, Jordana Boton, Coach Robin Tobias, Griffin Tobias, Abby Purcell (back row) Christina Kouklakis, Brittany Lewis, Vanessa Cordova, Alex Kouklakis, Jessica Koettler, Carl Bohannawski, Amina Benman, Kara Korem, Stephanie Skerich, Gianna Mirabelli, Coach Janel Tobias

hopes PINNED on State

Early season losses fuel boys' drive to pull off second place at Sectionals as team moves on to Regionals, McGill becomes State Champ

Instead of collecting candy on Halloween night, the Boys' Wrestling Team remained at school, marking the beginning of their season. They immediately jumped back into a practice schedule of running two miles a day and perfecting mat strategies in preparation of a post season that wouldn't come for another four months.

"Practice started Oct. 31 and State was on Feb. 18, so the season seemed really long," captain Eric McGill, junior, said. "But the end result and the records we set in the post season were well worth it."

Hard work and dedication paid off for the boys as they pinned down second place at Sectionals for the first time in the 10 years the team has competed in the Team Wrestling Tournament.

"Placing second at Sectionals was a huge accomplishment," Lance Surma, senior, said. "We were thrilled to be the first team in history to do it."

At the East Chicago Sectional, they pummeled Whiting, Hammond, and their ultimate rival, Highland, according to captain Erich Maul, senior.

"It was awesome to beat Highland because we have consistently trailed them in the past," Maul said. "The top two teams advanced to Regionals, which were at Highland. It was nice to walk in and have the Highland boys sit there and watch us wrestle in their gym."

At Regionals, the team was knocked out of a chance to proceed onto Semi-

State by Merrillville, 49-6. Merrillville was a top-ranked team and once they started getting ahead in points they ran away with a victory, according to Maul.

Nine team members, however, placed high enough to continue, according to Assistant Coach Brian Clark, English teacher. Seniors Taylor Del Rio, Jose Gutierrez, Mike LeBeau, Lance Surma; juniors Phil Chiang, Eric McGill, Alex Morfas; sophomore Jake Smith; and freshman Aaron Estrada represented the team in the Individual Regional.

"This was my second year on the team," Jose Gutierrez, senior, said. "I did not qualify last year, so I was excited that I got to Regionals because of the little experience I had."

Out of the nine team members who qualified for the Individual Regional, Estrada and McGill were the only two who made it out and went onto the state meet at Consecro Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

"It meant a lot to me to win State," McGill said, who became the school's first 125 lb State Champ. "Any time you put pretty much your whole life into something you definitely care about it a lot."

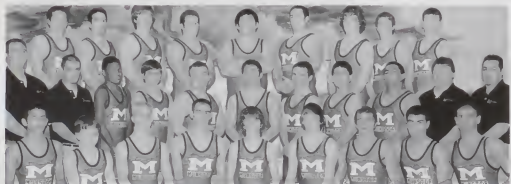
"From the time I saw my first high school state tournament when I was seven years old, I told myself that I was going to win it someday."

Free Fall

Feverishly trying to turn his Hobart opponent, Eric McGill, junior, works for a fall. After having surgery on his shoulder in the 2004 winter, McGill came back with State as his top goal. "I've been wrestling since I was six," McGill said. "But nothing compares to being at State."

Disaster Drill

With a stand-up drill, Jose Gutierrez, senior, tries to score from a front headlock. "I went to every meet hoping to do the very best I could," Gutierrez said. "But there was definitely nothing better than getting a pin."



Wrestling Team (front row) Aaron Estrada, Evan Mudroncik, Eric McGill, Erich Maul, Jacob Smith, Alex Morfas, Mike LeBeau, Jose Gutierrez, Taylor Del Rio (second row) Head Coach Dan Gelard, Coach Bobby Joe Maldonado, Josh Cooper, Mike Adams, Lance Surma, Pat Higgins, Kevin Watson, Jose Aguilar, Manuel Lopez, Coach Brian Clark, Coach Tim Maldonado (back row) Jesus Avina, Javier Carvajal, Zach Bucholtz, Alex Lebo, Phil Chiang, Mitch La Rock, Tim Qualls, Adam Rhoda, Mike Hluska



Wrestling

7-13

Gavit 55-15
 Calumet 38-40
 Avon 29-45
 Cathedral 19-60
 Warrent Central 12-62
 East Central 9-64
 Portage 15-53
 Highland 12-57
Griffith 37-24
Lake Station 54-24
 Calumet 26-53
 Hobart 3-68
 Highland 16-49

Monster Super Duals
 Concord 53-24
 Michigan City 52-27
 Griffith 51-27
 VonSteuben 65-9
 South Bend Clay 8-57

Mater Dei Classic
 12th place

Hobart Invite
 6th place

LAC Tourney
 3rd place

Sectionals
 2nd place

Regionals
 9th place

Individual Regionals
 Taylor Del Rio
 Jose Gutierrez
 Mike LeBeau
 Lance Surma
 Phil Chiang
 Eric McGill
 Alex Morfas
 Jake Smith
 Aaron Estrada

Individual Semi-State
 Eric McGill
 Aaron Estrada

Individual State
 Eric McGill
 Aaron Estrada

LEAVING HIS MARK:

Eric McGill

Grade: 11
Record: 113-4
125 lb State Champ

"I went to State my freshman year and finished as runner-up. I missed out last season because of my shoulder injury. I had surgery and there wasn't a guarantee that I would be as good. But I came back at 100 percent and totally focused on winning State. I would have been disappointed with anything less."

Throw down

To get a hold of his opponent, Mike LeBeau, senior, scrambles to throw him on the mat. "Even though I lost at Regionals, I felt I accomplished something having gotten that far," LeBeau said.

Head Strong

Forcefully shoving his opponent head first, Phil Chiang, junior, works for a position. "I was trying to break him down," Chiang said. "I had to get him on the mat before he could get a good grip on me."



focused on RAISING support

Girls exceed expectations with first place at Gary Steelhead's competition, all while cheering on teams

As the last few seconds of the East Chicago sectional game counted down, the Girls' Varsity Cheerleading Team began walking off the court, realizing that a victory had slipped away. Zipping up their bags, they were cheerless.

"It was heartbreaking to see the boys lose after such an amazing basketball season," Tamiko Toyama, senior, said. "I cried at the buzzer."

Not only did the piercing buzzer tone end the close 54-55 sectional game, but it also concluded the girls' season. They put on their coats and boarded the yellow school bus to go home.

"Realizing that the season had ended was tough," Toyama said. "During the season, we were together so much that the team became a second family. It was hard to leave that behind."

Only two hours before the tip off of the sectional game, the girls found out that they had won first place in the Gary Steelhead's competition.

"We were sitting on the bus going to the East Chicago Sectional and Mrs. Hayduk told us that we won," Bridget Parker, junior, said. "We beat our rivals, Lake Central (LC), and we won \$500, which we donated to charity."

The team performed in January during a time out at a Gary Steelhead's basketball game. Other teams performed on different nights, so the girls never saw their competition and waited until March to find out their placing, according to Eunice Ntiamoah, junior.

"It was hard to wait that long, because we wanted to know if we beat LC," Parker said. "They require tumbling on their team, so they seemed more powerful, but we did better even with only seven tumblers."

Four seniors formed the core of the squad: Toyama, Kim Hasse, Andrea Coullis, and Jordan Sunderland, who cheered together since freshman year. Their positive attitudes and organization, according to Ntiamoah, was the glue that held the team together when several Junior Varsity members decided to quit.

"We started practice in April, after tryouts, and went all through the summer months to the beginning of March," Hasse said.

"The length and everything we had to go through was frustrating at times and wore on you. But we stuck together and in the end it all worked out. We did well at our competitions and cheered for great teams."

With in reach

Arms stretched high, Eunice Ntiamoah, junior, spirits while a basketball player shoots a free throw at the Lake Central game. "My favorite thing was watching the players and supporting them," Eunice said.

Full out

Up in a full mount, Kim Hasse, senior, leads the crowd in a cheer. "When I first started I was a little scared of going up in a build," Hasse said. "After years of experience, I felt comfortable with it and it was just fun."

Stand in awe

With their hands clasped, Gianna Mirabelli, freshman; Debbie Wilczynski, junior; and Cassandra Drillis, freshman, watch the Lake Central game. "I loved going to basketball games," Wilczynski said. "Our team was good and the games were intense."





Half way there

Supported by juniors Taylor Della Rocca, Bridget Parker and Eunice Ntamoah, Marissa Sylvester, junior, goes up in a half build. "Being a flyer is fun because you're high up in the air," Sylvester said. "It was thrilling to be up that high."

Chant it up

Completing a spin, Jordan Sunderland, senior, continues to chant with her team. "Eunice hated that chant, so we would call it to make her mad," Sunderland said. "That's why we were all laughing."



Varsity Cheerleading Team (front row) Mattie Velasquez, Eunice Ntamoah, Megan McKechnie (second row) Tamiko Toyama, Jordan Sunderland, Brooke Kozlowski, Andrea Coulis (back row) Bridget Parker, Marissa Sylvester, Taylor Della Rocca, Kim Hasse, Hilary Grunewald



Junior Varsity Cheerleading Team (front row) Debbie Wilczynski, Taylor Brian, Elizabeth Stone, (back row) Alyssa Spungen, Emily Whiting, Elizabeth Leslie



Freshman Cheerleading Team (front row) Gianna Mirabelli, Stephanie Mirabelli, Olivia Yates (back row) Cassandra Drillias, Lindsay Hayes, Kelly Wold

Varsity Dance

Team

State Champs

Portage Invite

Hip-Hop 1st

Pom 2nd

Lake Central Invite

Hip-Hop 1st

Jazz 2nd

Pom 1st

Homestead Invite

Hip-Hop 1st

Jazz 1st

Pom 2nd

Regionals

Hip-Hop 1st

Jazz 2nd

Pom 2nd

State

Hip-Hop 1st

Jazz 3rd

Pom 1st

JV Dance Team

State Champs

Portage Invite

Pom 1st

Lake Central Invite

Jazz 2nd

Pom 1st

Homestead Invite

Jazz 2nd

Pom 1st

Regionals

Jazz 1st

Pom 2nd

State

Jazz 1st

Pom 1st

High-and-mighty

Smiling at the audience, Elyse Van Camp, senior, performs the pom competition routine at the Cary Wirt basketball game. "I liked the Pom category best because it's our tradition and we have been doing it the longest," Van Camp said.

Power prep

Forcefully hitting her arms, Alexa Harris, senior, prepares for a turn. Because turns were the most difficult aspects in their dances, they began practicing them early in the summer. "Our season was long, but it had to be," Harris said. "There were so many aspects in our dances and we had a lot to practice."

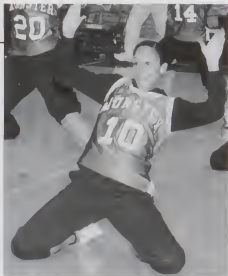


MARK HER WORDS:

Riyona Abraham

Grade: 11

"We had a lot more respect from the student body this year. They really loved our hip-hop dance that we performed at the Lake Central game and that made us a more popular attraction at the games. Students actually looked forward to us performing."



Varsity Dance Team (front row) Elyse Van Camp, Ilisa Gershman, Alexa Harris, Kaitlin Newell (second row) Mary Baggett, Michele Zehner, Sam Taylor, Riyona Abraham, Olivia Gershman (back row) Lizzie Browder, Jackie Kovach, Courtney Basile, Emily Kitchell, Natalie Miyashiro, Lauren Tanzillo



Junior Varsity Dance Team (front row) Brittany Zehner, Jessica Kitchell, Ryanne Abraham, Broanna Gates (back row) Amanda Porter, Molly Tribou, Tanja Djurich, Stephanie Ruiz, Shelby Taylor



kicking HIGH TIME to State

With rival Lake Central in sight, girls' grab Hip Hop, Pom titles to come home State Champs

Mascara smudged around their eyes

from countless hours of warm-ups and performances, the Varsity Dance Team entangled themselves into a huddle on the floor of the Lawrence North High School Gymnasium in Indianapolis.

With 109 competing dance teams from across the state looking on, the girl's breathlessly waited for the announcement of the Elite Pom scores at the Indiana High School Dance Team Association (IHSDTA) State Competition.

"It was the most nerve-racking thing I've ever had to go through; I was hyperventilating," captain Elyse Van Camp, senior, said. "You want them to announce your team as first so bad. When they got to second place I just thought please don't say 'Munster'."

Unable to contain their excitement, the girls began crying and cheering as their rival, Lake Central (LC), earned second place.

"I'm sure all of the other teams thought we were really cocky and rude," Lauren Tanzillo, sophomore, said. "But they just do not understand what it is like to lose to

LC all the time and finally win at State, when it counts."

The team picked up another state title in Elite Hip Hop. The girls remained undefeated in the newly added category. At State they beat the second place team, Forest Park, by 4.9 points.

"We had a lot of fun elements in our hip hop dance which helped get us pumped up as a team," Leah Alberson, senior, said. "Our dance also had what both the crowd and judges wanted to see which made for a very entertaining and clean performance."

With dark circles under their eyes, the girls left Indianapolis and headed home. After exiting the expressway, the team's two minibuses were met by a police escort. This caravan paraded down Ridge and Calumet on Sunday morning to celebrate their four state titles.

"It was crazy with the sirens going off and it was so cold, but we didn't care," Olivia Gershman, junior, said. "We stuck our heads out of the minibus windows and started singing 'Can't Be Touched'. It was nice because we don't normally get that kind of recognition."

Home of their own

Double-checking the first formation of their jazz routine in the mirror, the team practices at their new gym in the old Eads Elementary school. "We bought mirrors to help us with synchronization and make sure we were always in unison," Sam Taylor, junior, said.



For their hood

Quickly pulling on their white hoods, Leah Alberson senior; Berlyn Boswell, junior; and Alexa Harris, senior, finish their hip-

hop routine at the Lake Central Invitational. "We added it for fun, then we just kept winning with it," Boswell said.



Varsity Baseball

23-11

Regional Champs

Clark 10-3

TF South 4-6

Clinton, MI

12-1

New Haven 3-5

Valparaiso 4-2

Bishop Noll 7-4

Hobart 7-0

Griffith 9-4

Andrean 4-9

Kankakee Valley

13-2

Lowell 6-2

Highland 4-0

Bishop Noll 12-2

TF South 5-10

Boone Grove 5-15

Hobart 5-4

Lake Central 4-5

Griffith 0-3

Andrean 2-13

Kankakee Valley 11-7

Lowell 11-5

Highland 1-0

LAC Tourney

Lake Station 4-0

Morton 4-3

Noll 5-9

Griffith 4-0

North Newton 10-0

Chesterton 3-4

Merrillville 6-1

Sectionals

Gary West Side

13-0

Lake Central 6-4

Regionals

Crown Point 2-0

Semi-State

Penn 12-8

Fort Wayne Snider

0-14

IN A DAY'S PLAY:

"While we were waiting in the dugout we got bored so we tried to play that Olympic game [curling]. Somebody rolled the ball towards me as I tried to sweep the dust away and get it into the drain pipe."

Billy Stuart, senior

"We all hung out together. I remember before the Griffith game we went to John's [Bugajski] house and had a bean bag tournament. It pumped us up for the game."

Mike Sealy, senior

Let it slide

Gravel flying in his face, Andrew Bilse, senior, slides into third base. "I knew the pitcher was trying to pick me off, but he overthrew the ball to the second baseman," Bilse said. "I got past second and just kept running to third." The team defeated Griffith 9-4.

Throw 'em a curve

Freeing the ball from his grip, Tim Lukoshus, senior, throws a confident pitch to strike out his opponent. "I always felt like no one could beat me," Lukoshus said. "When I was pitching I was always on edge, but always confident and in control of the ball." Lukoshus out-dued Crown Point by retiring 13 straight batters at one point, 17 or the last 19, in the Regional Championship. The team won 2-0.



No place like home

Leisurely jogging around the bases. Andrew Bilse, senior, runs in to score after Pete Jurich, junior, hit a home run. "I felt my strength was in my speed on the bases and also my 'never say die attitude,'" Bilse said. Bilse planned to go on to play college baseball at Rose-Hulman.





Making it by a slide

As the sand on baseball diamond

gleamed in the hot sun on Good Friday, three anxious players occupied the bases. Captain Andrew Bilsé's hands grew moist while the senior tightly gripped the bat and planted his feet in the sand next to home base.

As the team slipped behind top ranked Griffith, they pushed failure out of their minds. At the top of the 7th, two clutch hits brought the team seven runs, ending the game 9-4.

"Supposedly they were a better team," Tim Lukoshus, senior, said. "We proved how we could come through, even in the 7th inning."

Their determination proved prominent as the team pushed beyond their goals of winning Conference, the LAC Tourney and Sectionals—all the way to Semi-State, according to Adam Enright, junior.

The goal of Sectionals seemed to be on the edge of their glove as they rammed their way past Gary West Side 13-0, and held tight to the Sectional title for the second year after defeating rival Lake Central, 6-4.

Pitching and defense paved the way as the late surging team blanked Crown Point 2-0 in the Regional Champion-

ship on their home Niksic Field. Lukoshus lead the way as he pitched a four-hit game and his teammates' three hits beat the visiting Bulldogs.

"We wanted to have a winning record," Enright said. "We just had to carry ourselves well on the field, and respect the game and everyone playing it."

Whether in the dugout, on the field, or after the game, respect was an important aspect of the team. Even with juniors playing varsity level, the seniors viewed it as one grade level coming to play one game, according to Lukoshus.

"Once we finished a game and went into the locker rooms, there were no grade levels," Mike Sudbury, junior, said. "Everyone was respected equally."

Although the team shed the idea of class status, the veteran seniors and captains gave the younger players someone to look up to, and showed them new

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Swing into action

After missing the ball by a few short seconds, catcher Pete Jurich, junior, captures the ball in his mitt as Chris Winterhalter, junior, receives strike two. "I never thought about anything," Winterhalter said, "only hitting the ball far."



Birds of a feather

Before a game the team gets into a group huddle to get focused and prepared. "We always got into huddles," Mike Sealy (10), senior, said.

"We would say not to take the team lightly, and always keep a positive attitude and confidence when playing the game."



Varsity Baseball Team (front row) Tim Lukoshus, Chris Winterhalter, Alex Toth, Pat DeRolf, Adam Enright, Mike Sealy (second row) Billy Stewart, Brett Keil, Chris Bakker, Andrew Bilse, Jake Kuntz, Greg Schmidt, Jon Bugajski (back row) Coach Matt Backs, Coach Marty Kiel, Jake Ernd, Mike Sudbury, Pete Jurich, Coach Bob Shinkan, Coach Jeff Ross, Coach Mike Mikolajczyk



JV Baseball

20-2

Portage 12-0

Bishop Noll 12-2

Hobart 15-7

Griffith 12-3

Andean 11-1

Kankakee Valley 9-5

Lowell 13-3

Highland 9-8

Bishop Noll 11-0

TF South 11-4

Hobart 3-2

Lake Central 2-12

Andean 13-2

Kankakee Valley 6-2

Valparaiso 9-8,

12-4

Lowell 10-0

Griffith 1-2

Highland 13-5

Boone Grove 7-3

Lake Central 10-4



JV Baseball Team (front row) Trevor Bozich, Ryan Shimala, Alex Rosales, Pat Howard, Blake Platt, Brian Ritz (second row) Pat Kozlowski, Josh Dmialig, Jack Standley, Brett Keeler, Bryan Sanders (back row) Jacob Biscan, Matt Bonni, Nick Fisher, Jeff Spyryka, Brandon Miller, Coach Matt Backs

Freshman Baseball

11-5

Lake Central 6-5

Chesterton 2-5

Highland 3-11

Crown Point 6-5,

1-5

Clark 8-7

Highland 11-1

TF South 10-4

Portage 10-3

13-6

East Chicago 5-2

Wheeler 7-5,

3-10

Kankakee Valley 11-1

Andean 5-10

Merrillville 5-1



Freshman Baseball Team (front row) Demetrios Pitsas, Kevin Nossem, TJ Hecimovich, Austin Wynn, Joe Torres (second row) Mark Dye, Ray Lopez, Ian Boswell, Kurt Leeney, Albie Louis, Mike Adams (back row) Zack Bucholtz, Joe Gill, Graham Hanas, Jerrett Tite, Coach Mike Mikolajczyk

Eye in the sky

As he lines up with the ball, Chris Winterhalter, junior, waits patiently as the ball flies towards him. "I had to take my time and go for the ball," Winterhalter said.

Hit-and-run

Striking the ball Billy Stuart, senior, runs for first at the Andean game "Since I was on the team we never beat Andean," Stuart said. The team went on to beat the 49ers, 4-9.





Making it by a **slide**

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skills, according to Enright.

"I took being captain seriously as my job," Mike Sealy, senior, said. "I tried to keep the team positive and excited about the game."

The boys took on the positive attitude of their captains as they cheered their teammates on, whether in the dugout yelling their motto 'never say die,' or on the field hustling for a point. After a season full of bonding, the seniors came to realize what the game and their teammates meant to them.

"Being a senior on the team meant a lot to me," captain Billy Stuart, senior, said. "I knew I would never be able to go out on the field or put on the uniform again. It was really something special to wear a MHS uniform; it pushed you in not only baseball, but in every sport."

Let it slide

Ready to release a fastball, Chris Bakker, senior, switches up his pitches showing his control of the game. "I didn't get nervous," Bakker said. "I went out there and just played my best and had a good time with it."

Let it slide

Hat raised after a 6-2 victory over Lowell, Mike Sealy (10), senior, joins his teammates and runs across the field to celebrate their hard work. "After a win we felt like all our work was a success," Sealy said. "A win topped everything."

As in every sport, through time the team experienced great friendships and some of the best chemistry that one team and nine players could experience while on the field, according to Sudbury.

"I was proud to be out there with this group of guys," Enright said. "It was always a lot of fun being with them. We took a lot of pride in what we did, but we always found time to goof around."



Hear our roar

With a furious yell, Jake Ernd, senior, stands besides his team as they watch their teammates beat Lowell 6-2. "I was the one who was always trying to get them pumped up," Ernd said.

Varsity Golf

10-3

Morton 181-200

Andrean 169-170

Valparaiso 179-170

Lake Central 171-158

Twin Lakes Invite

9th place

Kankakee Valley

190-178

Crown Point 164-184

Portage 160-166

Bishop Noll 175-184

Valparaiso Invite

6th place

Hobart 160-176

Rensselaer Invite

9th place

Highland 166-175

Lowell 162-171

Lake Central Invite

4th place

Griffith 160-160

LAC Tournament

1st place 339

Sectionals

2nd place 334

Regionals

6th place 333

Academic All Conference

Mike McNicholas

1st Team All Conference

Rohan Bhagwat

Pero Ogrizovich

2nd Team All Conference

Tim Bishop

LEAVING THEIR MARK:

Tim Bishop
Mike McNicholas

Grade: 12

"We had a lot of underclassmen, so as one of the two seniors it was important to provide experience."

Mike McNicholas

"I was on the team all through high school, so taking a leadership position felt natural."

Tim Bishop

Putt on airs

With a short shot, Tim Bishop, senior, chips with the hole in sight at the Lowell match. "I shot a 43," Tim said. "I struggled a little, but the team won and that was important for Conference."

Think back

Reading the slope of the green, Andrew Kiminski, sophomore, mentally maps where he wants the ball to move. "We had some team members struggling," Andrew said. "I improved and got moved up to varsity. It was difficult because I didn't want to take off a teammate, but there wasn't increased pressure."



Pep talk

Surrounded by his varsity team, Head Coach Brian Clark, English teacher, goes over the line up for the Lowell meet at their

home course, Wicker Park. "I told them to play smart and keep their composure," Coach Clark said.



Boys rise above
inexperience to
end season with a
Conference title
and second place
at Sectionals

Committed to full swing

Stepping onto the Lost Marsh Golf Course, Rohan Bhagwat, junior, squinted to see the yellow flag beyond the rays of sunshine. He swung his club, kicking off the Lake Athletic Conference (LAC) Black Tournament.

Thoughts of past matches and experience gained from previous tournaments culminated in his mind.

"We struggled in four matches and lost," Bhagwat said. "But it worked out because we learned from our mistakes. We learned not to let bad shots hurt our round and focus on the shot at hand."

At the beginning of the season, the boys set out to attain the Conference title, according to Head Coach Brian Clark, English teacher, which they have claimed for the past six years. One thing was different, however, there wasn't a Piatek to be found on the boys' roster.

"We lost our All-State senior last year, Joey [Piatek], and before him there was his brother," Coach Clark said. "We started a little inexperienced, but we just had to find our own identity."

Iron man

Twisted after hitting an iron shot, Mike McNicholas, senior, uses an approach shot to get his ball up to the green. "It made a difference in your score," Mike said. "If you put it in a good position it was easy to recover."

With or without a Piatek, the boys forged into the season with their goals in place and their heads held high. According to Coach Clark, the varsity members kept a level playing field when it came to scoring.

"Everyone had to step it up," Mike McNicholas, senior, said. "Our success de-

pended on the consistency of scores from player to player."

Mid-season, however, the greens became rough as the boys lost to four teams: Lake Central, Kankakee Valley, Valparaiso, and Crown Point. Besides lowering team morale, the losses threatened a chance at taking the Conference title.

"To have had a chance to win Conference, we had to be very diligent after those losses and play to win because we couldn't afford to lose any more match," Pero Ogrizovich, sophomore, said.

Shortly before taking center tee at the LAC meet, the team played Lowell, a Conference rival, on their home course. According to Tim Bishop, senior, the team stayed focused and played consistently to keep their score in the 160s.

"It was promising to beat Lowell because it helped to boost the team's moral before heading into the Conference Tournament," Bishop said.

The swelteringly record high May heat finally exasperated the boys as they neared the last hole at Lost Marsh. The boys headed back to their bus, still clinging to the Conference title with a 178.

"It felt good to win because it was a goal we set," Bhagwat said. "We didn't want to loose after six years of winning. We got a little shaky in the middle of our season, but we never stopped trying."



Boys' Golf Team (front row) Jugtarn Yinyown, Mike Hlebasko, Rohan Bhagwat, Tommy Bassetto, Pero Ogrizovich, Kyle Rice **(back row)** Andrew Kiminski, Matt Kheun, George Vauter, Tim Bishop, Ryan Slosser, Mike McNicholas, Coach Brian Clark

Stretch the point

Using his club to point out the bunker, Pero Ogrizovich, sophomore, discusses how to play the next hole with Rohan

Bhagwat, junior. "Golf was relaxing," Pero said. "You were out in nature. It's a mental game, not a physical one."

Dangerous curves ahead

Dark ominous clouds rolled in as thunder reverberated over the softball field, forcing the team to snatch up their mitts and scuttle into the dug out. While the rain and lightning showed no sign of ceasing, the Sectional game against Lake Central grew into two-day marathon.

After overcoming the first Sectional round against Gary West Side 15-0, the team went into a 19-inning tournament with the Lake Central Indians. The Indians pulled away with a one-point lead in the 19th inning after their player took third after a ground out.

The girls expected to win Sectionals due to their ability and talents, according to captain Jackie Yerga, senior.

"That was the hardest game we ever fought," Hallie Gibbs, junior, said. "We gave it our all but they played harder. It was a tough loss but we still had our winning record to look back on."

The team ended their season 21-7, and left with many memorable and challenging games in mind. Every game gave the team an opportunity to learn from their mistakes and correct them for the upcoming games, according to captain Mary Ann Spolnik, senior.

"[The Andrean game] taught us a few

things," Spolnik said. "We didn't hit as well as we normally did and we had a few errors, but practice helped us."

Even as the team slid past difficult competitors such as Andrean and Lowell, other objects seemed to fall on their path to success. Star pitcher Yerga, injured her hamstring during a play at first base, sidelining her for a couple of games.

According to Molly Yothment, senior, complications came when facing rival Andrean. After losing during their first match up, the team pulled through with a one point lead 1-0, giving them a sense of accomplishment.

"We lost to Andrean before," Megan Paradzinski, junior, said. "We had to beat them the second time."

As the girls worked towards a winning record together, the senior leadership gave the juniors an advanced guide towards perfecting their skills.

"The seniors always pumped us up," Gibbs said. "They had good leadership skills, and they taught us a lot."

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Fast and furious

Throwing a curve ball towards Griffith rivals, captain Jackie Yerga, senior, throws another strike. "Pitching takes a lot of time because I had to perfect it," Yerga said. Yerga was named top pitcher for the team.



Varsity Softball Team (front row) Heather Loden, Laura Henig, Meghan Paradzinski, Ashley Moore (second row) Kya Vesa, Jessica Clusserath, Emily Beezhold, Kaelyn Chevonec, Hallie Gibbs, Mary Ann Spolnik, Bailey Whitehead (back row) Coach Beth Vesa, Coach Ron Moore, Libbie Thompson, Molly Yothment, Jackie Yerga, Coach Mike Coil, Brandon Coil

Thrown for a loop

With ball in hand Mary Ann Spolnik, senior, winds up for a strike. "I could always control the tempo of the game," Spolnik said. "I thought about pitching strikes and keeping them guessing."





Bunt and go

Under the watchful eye of the pitcher, Megan Paradzinski, junior, switches up her batting with a bunt. "I tried to make sure my mechanics were right," Paradzinski said. "I only wanted to get the ball down the field."

Foul play

After a fastball smacked into her shoulder Hallie Gibbs, junior, winces to cover her face. "I just tried to get on base," Gibbs said. "If there were people out there I just tried to get them in."



Varsity Softball

- 21-7
Homewood
Flossmoor 7-3
Lake Central 7-2
Bishop Noll 12-0
Hanover Central 12-1
Hobart 2-1
Griffith 3-1
Andrean 0-2
Kankakee Valley 4-0
Lowell 4-0
Highland 6-2
Carmel Tourney
McCutcheon 10-0
Carmel 3-4
Cathedral 3-0
West Lafayette 3-0
Bishop Noll 2-0
Hobart 8-1
Griffith 10-7
Andrean 1-0
Twin Lake Invite
Levis Cass 2-3
Benton Central 3-4
Boone Grove 8-0
Kankakee Valley 5-0
Lowell 2-8
Highland 3-0
Chesteron 0-6
Portage 3-0

Sectionals

- Gary Westside 15-0
Lake Central 1-2

MARK HER WORDS:

Jackie Yerga

Grade: 12
Position: pitcher

"I tore my hamstring when I was playing first base. I was stretching for the ball, and I did the splits. I felt it rip. It bugged me that I couldn't play, but I still went to the games for my team. When it healed it was great to finally get back out on the field!"



Within reach

With her foot on first base Molly Yothment, senior, reaches to get the ball to tag out her Griffith foe. "I really wanted to get her out," Yothment said. "So I did what I had to do."

Dangerous curves ahead

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Being a part of the team is what really mattered, according to captain Libby Thompson, senior.

"Every play counted," Thompson said. "Even if we weren't up there batting, just being able to cheer on the team was really important to us [seniors]. It always gave the other girls a lift when they were out on the field."

According to Yothment, the team was just that, a team, one unit that was willing to go the length and help each other through the game.

"I loved my team," Yothment said. "We were different from other teams. We were really close and we never got uptight about things. It always made us want to try harder because you always want to work with your friends more, which is what we all were—friends."

Call the shots

In the outfield Libbie Thompson, senior, calls out the number of outs. "Every loss only gave us incentive to win," Thompson said.



Look out

Watching the pitcher's arm Ashley Moore, sophomore, holds her stance on second, waiting for her teammate to bring her home. "I tried to focus on the game and what went on around me," Moore, said.

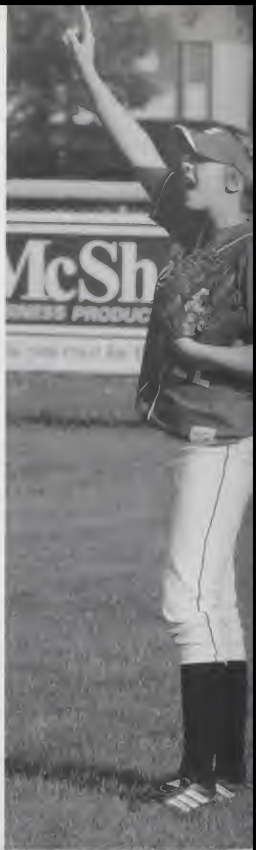


Swing batter, swing

After missing a Griffith pitch, Jackie Yerga, senior, keeps a positive attitude. "It took a lot of hard work, but it was worth it," Yerga said.

Hop on

Headed for an away game, JV waits to get on the bus. "We traveled at least once a week for away games," Kelly Mashura, sophomore said.





JV Softball Team (from row) Phoebe Conner, Erin Moss, Lauren Nourie, Kelly Mashura, Justine Leonakis, Lizzie Monnell (second row) Elenor Kennedy, Sarah Johnson, Kristina Cretu, Jackie McCarthy, Amanda Hoffmann (back row) Coach Ron Moore, Jamie Lissy, Meghan McKechnie, Katie Martino, Amanda Schulte, Coach Mike Coil, Brandon Coil

JV Softball 23-2

Homewood

Flossmoor 5-1
Lake Central 2-4
Bishop Noll 20-0
Hobart 22-0
Griffith 6-0
Crown Point 7-1
Wheeler 15-0
Andean 12-3
Kankakee Valley 6-0
Lowell 1-0
Highland 3-0
Hanover Central 6-0
Bishop Noll 11-1
Hobart 10-4
Highland JV Tourney
Griffith 3-0
Lake Central 10-2
Chesterton 6-5
Merrillville 10-0
Lake Central 3-0
Chesterton 5-2
Griffith 3-0
Andean 8-0
Kankakee Valley 13-0
Lowell 7-9
Highland 9-5



Freshman Softball Team (front row) Rachel Trevino, Jessica Koetteritz, Taylor Hodges (second row) Jill Magsaysay, Jamie Swing, Megan Stacy, Laura Kinsler (third row) Kayle Goldsmith, Sara Ambry, Coach Ron Moore, Elle Kirby, Karina Chavez

Girl talk

Huddled together before the game, the team talks about the plays. The group became very close through the season. "It was nice to give them a feeling of acceptance," captain Jackie Yerga (23), senior, said.



Freshman

Softball

10-3
TF South 17-4
Marion Catholic 7-8,
10-2
Hobart 22-0
Merrillville 9-0,
5-0
Clark 19-1
North Newton 11-8
Gavit 6-5
Lake Station 17-0
Wheeler 13-3
Lowell Invite
Andean 4-1
Kankakee Valley 2-7
Valparaiso 2-3

MARK HER WORDS:

Hallie Gibbs

Grade: 11
Record: Five home runs,
26 RBI's, 20 runs

"It was a really cool feeling to have had a record. I didn't try to go out there and break a record. I just tried my best and hardest when I played. It took a lot of practice and hard work to achieve it."



On the bubble

Time out called as Coach Beth Vesa and Hallie Gibbs, junior, discuss a play. Gibbs ended the season with 5 home runs, 26 RBI's, and 20 runs.



In the swing of things

Stepping down the trodden stairs of the familiar school bus, the girls looked out at the Purdue Lafayette tennis courts lit by the late April sun. They grabbed their bags and focused on the challenge of defeating the defending State Champions, Center Grove.

"We were confident knowing we could beat [Center Grove]," Maureen Modesto, junior, said. "It was a matter of whether or not we would."

After a close match, the girls took down Center Grove 3-2, becoming the top rated team in the state, according to Head Coach Bob Modesto, Homewood Flossmoor Dean of Students.

"From the beginning, I knew this was a team that could go all the way," Coach Modesto said. "It wasn't often you could say that about a team. We kept our focus on hard work and not being satisfied."

Holding an undefeated record, the girls headed into Regionals. After last year's upset to Crown Point, they were ready for a win. State on their mind, the girls served up a Regional title, beating Hammond and Crown Point 5-0.

With returning State competitor, Modesto, and nationally ranked Mary Hill, freshman, playing the No. 1 and 2 singles positions respectively, the girls prepared for Semi-State.

"Certainly Maureen and Mary were big contributors, but it was imperative to have a strong doubles team and No. 3 singles position also," Coach Modesto said.

Girls avenge last year's disheartening loss at Regionals, to finish second at State with near-perfect 18-1 record

Friday before Semi-State, the line-up was shaken when No. 3 singles player, Lindsay Weiss, senior, lost her mother Mrs. Jody Weiss, English teacher, after her battle with breast cancer. Based on the team ranking, Emily Kitchell, sophomore, replaced Weiss.

"Our coach wasn't sure if Lindsay wanted to play or not," Kitchell said. "I was substituted for her because I was the first alternate. I was just glad that I could go out and win that position for Lindsay and her mom."

Paying homage to the late Mrs. Weiss, the team dedicated their Semi-State championship to her.

"Mrs. Weiss loved tennis and she was always there for us, so we were on a mission to win for her," Katelyn Laszlo, junior, said. "We got shirts made that were orange and on the back said 'Still standing'. Even though she was always sick, she was still in high spirits."

At State, the girls beat Homestead 3-2, but fell short to Park Tudor 2-3.

"No one from Northwest Indiana has won, so we wanted to be the first," Lindsay Weiss, senior, said. "We fell short of our goal, but were happy we got a ring for second place."

Back and forth

With a backhand, Maureen Modesto, junior, returns a volley to Morton in Sectionals. "I loved playing high school tennis because I loved the team atmosphere," Modesto said. "Our team depended on you and you depended on them."

Wait-and-see

At the Crown Point match, Sam Tantillo, sophomore, waits to return a volley from the No. 2 doubles team. "Crown Point was a big, revenge match," Tantillo said. "We lost to them twice last year."

Change it up

Changing the score to zero, Katelyn Laszlo, junior, and Shobha Pia, senior, set up for a match. Laszlo and Pia played No. 1 Doubles. "We were really close," Laszlo said. "You had to have a good relationship."



Girls' Tennis Team (front row) Risa Hurwich, Sarah Galante, Lindsay Weiss, Maureen Modesto, Mary Hill, Nicoletta Codutti, Alex Kouklakis (second row) Madison Gallegos, Emily Kitchell, Anna Guanzon, Katelyn Laszlo, Shobha Pia, Rohini Chatterjee, Sam Tantillo, Sarah Chowdhury (back row) Head Coach Bob Modesto, Assistant Coach Steve Lopez, Ashley Norris, Tricia Schmeuser, Kaitlin Hines, Shivani Patel, Assistant Coach Bill Karr





In full swing

After a quick toss up, Rohini Chatterjee, senior, raises her racquet to serve. "Tennis is a passion," Chatterjee said. "It is a way for me to forget what happened in life or in school and concentrate on the game."

It's her racquet

With her eye on the ball and her racquet in hand, Lindsay Weiss, senior, follows through. "My backhand [is the best part of my game]," Weiss said. "I feel the most comfortable hitting it and it's just my better shot."



Varsity Tennis

18-1

Crown Point 5-0

Lowell 5-0

Warsaw Invite

1st place

Lake Central 5-0

Kankakee Valley 5-0

Highland 5-0

Carmel Invite

2nd place

Wheeler 5-0

Center Grove 3-2

Andreen 5-0

Gavitt 5-0

Penn 5-0

Plymouth 3-2

Regionals

Morton 5-0

Gavitt 5-0

Regionals

Hammond 5-0

Crown Point 5-0

Semi-State

Elkhart 5-0

Plymouth 3-2

State

Homestead 3-2

Park Tudor 2-3

First Team All State

Maureen Modesto

Mary Hill

First Team All State

Maureen Modesto

Mary Hill

Second Team

All State

Doubles Team

Katelyn Laszlo/

Shobha Pal

JV Tennis

7-1

Crown Point 3-1

Lowell 6-1

Lake Central 3-4

Kankakee Valley 4-0

Highland 9-0

Wheeler 1-0

Gavitt 11-1

Penn 1-0



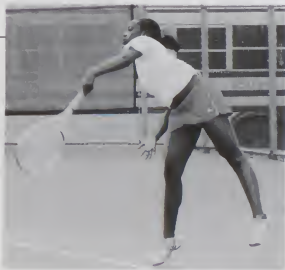
MARK HER WORDS:

Mary Hill

Grade: 9

Position: No. 2 singles

"I played tennis for 10 years and started at Sid Rothstein's summer camp. My best moments were winning two national opens: one in Chicago in 2004 and the other in Michigan in 2002. I was ranked nationally, which I was proud of, but not satisfied because I wanted to go even higher."



Final stretch

To make it past the finish line, Danny White, senior, pushes his last burst of energy, placing first at the Munster meet. White was the best distance runner and placed 6th at Regionals. "I broke two minutes in the 800-M," White said. "It was one of my season goals."

Air splits

After speeding down the runway, Joe Abu-Aita, sophomore, extends himself to get the longest possible jump. "The form is really hard," Abu-Aita said. "I worked on that constantly. But I pulled a hamstring, so I didn't do as well."

Varsity Track

6-6

LAC In-Door

1st place

Lake Central Invite

2nd place

Hobart 70-64

Lake Central 41-91

Valparaiso 39-95

Lowell 96.5-70

Gary Roosevelt 94-26

Munster Invite

1st place

Calumet Invite

2nd place

Conference

3rd place

Sectionals

2nd place

Regionals

16th place



Throw weight

In a whirlwind of motion, Nick Benedek, senior, prepares to launch the discus as far as possible. "I had a problem with under performing at meets," Benedek said. "In preparation for competitions, we lifted a lot to build strength."



Pulling his weight

Conorting himself Tommy Mambourg, junior, stretches to make his body limber. "I had to stretch so I didn't pull anything," Mambourg said. "And to make sure I was warmed up for the meet."

Straight talkers

As they make their way to the straightaway, freshman Matt Stewart and juniors John Strong, Matt Jones, Jeffrey Justus, and Brendan Georgas multitask by running and conversing. "We went out on the track together," Georgas said. "We all talked while we ran. After all, nobody liked to run alone."





Experiencing both good and bad, boys place second at Sectionals, but lose standing with 16th place at Regionals

Staying true to form

After four years of high school track, the senior members of the Boys' Varsity Track Team put away their short shorts and throwing gloves. For the underclass members, these were the boys to whom they had grown close.

"I'll really miss the seniors," Rich Meyers, junior, said. "Not just for the points they added to the team, but for their personalities as a whole. I really looked up to Dave [Snuckel]. He drove us all to push harder."

Seniors left their mark both on and off the field. Team co-captain Danny White, senior, placed sixth at Regionals in the half-mile. According to White, though his place didn't please him, he accomplished his season goal by breaking two minutes on the 800-meter.

"We did a lot of track work design to develop speed," White said. "I was just trying to get my endurance so I could maintain the speed. Unfortunately I was boxed in early in the race and I didn't get out of it until the end, but by then it didn't matter. It's okay, though, because I broke two minutes."

Although the need for speed motivated the team, encouragement and support played an enormous role in how the team functioned. Because of these factors, the Panda Throwing Club began, according to Phil Chiang.

"The Panda Throwing Club is really just a joke," Chiang said. "The guys would say I looked like a panda. It's an inside joke between throwers."

Besides the quirks of the throwing club, the runners bonded by listening to songs in order to "pump them up," according to Cam Selent, junior.

"We had two theme songs," Selent said. "When we were getting tired at the end of the workout we would play 'Push it' by Salt N' Peppa. Our other theme song was 'Don't stop believing' by Journey. We listened to that so we could keep on going."

And it did keep the team going. They came together during Sectionals with a second place win to form the team that finished 16th at Regionals.



Boys' Track Team (front row) Matt Stewart, Fred Olasebikan, Matt Jones, Grant Felgenhauer, Cam Selent, David Snuckel, Rich Meyers, Nick Yi, Alex Smgrano, Jacob Gerber, Sam Kasmak (second row) Coach Ruth Brown, Eric Anderson, Kenneth Hamilton, Joe Jamich, Daniel Boyle, Adam Cooper, Jedd Villalobos, Cody Thompson, Mike McIntyre, Gilroy Velasquez, John Jurkash, Lazarick Whitlock, James Han, Coach Vance (third row) James Burgwald, Mat Noward, Eric Neiner, Mitch Hanak, Viraj Maniar, Ben Taylor, Phil Chiang, Jason Han, Matt Shacklett, Dan Newtons, Nathan Szany (fourth row) Blake Williams, Chris Cheng, Nick Markovich, Marc Campos, Timothy Yee, Jason Trgovich, Joe Abu-Aita, Carl Milbrath, Jovan Andjelich, Austin Bubash, Nick Volkman, George Nieves (fifth row) Dan Kretz, John Strong, Nolan Slutko, James Hunt, Ed Gier, Zack Glasen, Kurtis Bruhn, Nik Benedek, Tim Qualls, Thomas Bustalino, (back row) Danny White, Brenden Georgas, Sam Shaner, Tommy Mambourg, Dan Crisman, Tyler Schwartz, Jeffrey Justus, Grant Williams, Dan Creagh, Alex Brajak

Jumping the track

With the track season nearing its conclusion, Chelsy Kimes, junior, still hadn't reached her long jump goal of 18 ft. Chelsy's efforts were relentless, and with each try, she made an effort to go the farthest without scratching.

"Track can be frustrating because you practice every day and that's how you're supposed to get better," Kime said. "But when you don't get it, you feel so helpless."

While frustration could affect a runner's mind set, most athletes on the team tried to keep a positive attitude, even when facing injuries.

"I fell in my race at Munster," Sylvia Borowicz, junior, said. "Even though I had been improving my times at every meet, it kept me from winning. I had a lot to work on to reach my goals."

Besides the pressure of improving at meets and rising to high expectations, team captains had the burden of the whole team on their shoulders, according to captain Jennie Jamicich, senior.

"My responsibility as a team captain was to lead the team in general," Jamicich said. "Also [I had] to be a role model for the younger girls on the team."

Besides the intangible difficulties set

before them, the girls also had to deal with external factors, like the weather. These natural forces provided setbacks that inspired the team to push even harder, according to Onanasan Gbagi, junior.

"Kankakee Valley was a really great meet," Gbagi said. "Although it was windy, runners seemed to run their hardest; throwers seemed to throw their farthest; and jumpers seemed to jump their best. Everyone seemed to do well."

Despite the obstacles the girls still finished with a second place win at Sectionals and fifth place at Regionals.

At last, Kimes made her leap to 18 ft the week of Regionals, completing her goal for the season. Kimes earned the Conference Champ title and was the only girl to advance to State where she placed 17th with a jump of 16-8 3/4.

"[Reaching my goal] felt good," Kimes said. "It didn't matter when I reached it, as long as I got it when it mattered."

Leap of faith

An expression meant for fierce competition on her face, Brienne Rubesha, freshman, flies over the 300 M hurdles. "My biggest problem was jumping too high," Rubesha said. "It slowed me down. The coaches and I worked on technique a lot." Rubesha was a freshman who lettered as a varsity member.



MUNSTER



Girls' Track Team (front row) Andrea Damore, Sylvia Borowicz, Kristy Carlson (second row) Coach Kwasny, Christia Bieda, Kristen Pagane, Gianna Mirabelli, Stefanie Dohman, Brienne Rubesha, Edyta Borowicz, Allison Medina, Jessica Kitchell, Coach Michelle Duffy (third row) Coach Rob McCall, Jennie Jamicich, Sophie Griggs, Kim Long, Kristina Keith, Kristine Kho, Liz Ornelas, Michaela Ossana, Jessica Cuadra, Annie Marinakos, Sarah Rubino, (fourth row) Tabitha Strong, Katie Hruska, Devin Gosberry, Jasmine Fonda-Adelger, Ashley McGuire, Eunice Ntamoah, Ruth Christopher, Chelsy Kimes, Coach Dirk Sloane (back row) Jessica Hilbrich, Karen Larsen, Annie Seaman, Julie Zivich, Rachel McMahon, Onanasan Gbagi, Emily Sojka, Renee Kooy, Lindsey Ziemba, Sam Torres



One jump ahead

To warm up before the meet, Chelsy Kimes, junior, practices the long jump. "You warmed up so you didn't pull a muscle," Chelsy said. "It helped you get ready for the event."

Poles apart

With the support of her team and coaches, Gianna Mirabelli, freshman, runs with all her might during the Pole Vault. Gianna was one of the freshman girls who lettered. "I just tried my best," Gianna said. "Everyone was excited and supportive of me. I just went out and had a lot of fun."

MARK HER WORDS:

Devin Gosberry

Grade: 10

Best Event: 400-M

Best Time: 20:81 seconds

"My most exciting moment on track was breaking the school record for the 400-meter. There was a good team and a lot of motivation."



Varsity Track

9-4

LAC In-Door

1st place

Highland 84-24

Hobart 84-24

Valparaiso 39-95

Kankakee Valley 102-70

Lowell 102-59

Hammond Relays

1st place

Highland Invite

1st place

Munster Invite

1st place

Calumet Invite

1st place

Lafayette Harrison

1st place

Conference

1st place 183.5

Sectionals

2nd place 171

Regionals

5th place 33

LAC Champs

Chelsy Kimes

Devin Gosberry

Kristen Pagane

Jennie Jamich

Gianna Mirabelli

Ruth Christopher

Sarah Rubino

Christia Bieda

Sophie Griggs

Sectional Champ

Devin Gosberry

400-M

State Qualifier

Chelsy Kimes

Long jump



Hold tight

Harnessing the power of her upper body strength, pole vaulter Kim Long, sophomore, propels herself over the bar. "I really liked pole vaulting," Long said. "Being in track really helped my work ethic. Whenever I went to practice, I wanted to do my best."

Academic Team

President
Brandon Chenoweth
Vice President
Foli Mandhana
Participants
81
Sponsors
Ms. Shonna Siegers,
Mrs. Terese Schultz

It's what they do
"We have incredibly talented and intelligent people on the team. It wasn't only that they performed well, but they remained gracious and not arrogant."
Ms. Siegers



Academic Team (front row) Brandon Chenoweth, Andrew Bilse, Neal Shah, Brian Harrigan, Tom Paliga, Lester Montesa (second row) Matt Thompson, Matthew Lipinski, Chris Kennelly, Robin Jiang, Jeff Justus, Joe Raverio, Nibhin Krishnan (third row) Darryl Desdow Jr., Jennifer Peng, Eric Anderson, Jennifer McCreight, Akash Rusia, Kristy Anderson, Ajay Patwari (back row) Mitch Hanak, Viray Manias, Ben Taylor, Joey Zagorski, John Wadas, Jeff Chou, Joel Schneider, Sidarth Dabari



Academic Team (front row) Kirstin Bularzik, Meagan Yothment, Shivani Patel, Sarah Chowdhury, Abhinov Ravi, Mythih Chintamani, Elissa Moll (second row) Fatima Husain, Elyse Holloway, Shobha Pai, Ariana Rodriguez, Arefin Chowdhury, Katie Anderson, Roli Mandhana, Tiffany Barth (third row) Lauren Hudak, Heather Phipps, Sujay Jagakar, Brett Anderson, Nicole Hong, Kim Long, Julie Zivich (back row) Kush Patel, Gobhoosh Kamali, Mike Graczyk, Rohan Warnar, Andrew Johnson, Amanda Casas, Jessica Beezhold, Jessica Hilbrich

African Drum and Dance

Participants
18
Sponsor
Dr. Timothy Bartlett
It's what we do
"African Drum and Dance Ensemble traveled to Indianapolis to present an interesting session at the annual Indiana Music Educators' Convention in January. The session was entitled 'The Joy of Drumming.'"
Dr. Bartlett



African Drumming and Dance Ensemble (front row) Molly White, Chan Huynh, Sam Torres, Christina Rizk, Bridget Parker (second row) Alyssa Larimer, Amanda Kilbarda, Emily Clark, Lindy Hernandez, Kathryn Wadas (back row) Kim Dooley, Danielle Troumoularis, Mark Knight, Scott Goodwin, Alexandra Pavkovich, Allison Meggers



American Sign Language Club

President
Libby Thompson
Vice President
Jackie Yerga
Participants
20
Sponsor
Mrs. Lynn Schumacher
It's what they do
"At the end of the year we had a joint picnic with German and Spanish Club, something we had never done before."
Mrs. Schumacher

American Sign Language Club (front row) Elyse VanCamp, Kaitlin Newell, Samantha Taylor, Jennifer Romano, Sonja Vasic, Katie Szafasz (second row) Sarah Steele, Jacquelyn Yerga, Stephanie Hoffman, Maggie Behrens, Libbie Thompson, Kristen Rueth (back row) Rachel Heinrich, Conner Leto, Niko Culic, Mihir Patel, Zacharias Wells, Jeff Reuter, Cara Briggs



American Sign Language Club (front row) Adriana Weichman, Melissa Webber, Sam Torres, Jenni Ramirez, Sarah Wachala (second row) Taylor Del la Rocco, Courtney Basile, Ashley Barbeau, Laura Panozzo, Carolyn Brown, Krystina Liput (back row) Jessica Osagueda, Berlyn Boswell, Jameka Penn, Stephanie Perze, Meghan Rueth, Michele Zehner, Kaitlin Ritchie

PIZZA face After setting up the art show in the auditorium lobby, Sarah Grabarczyk, senior, celebrates the Art Club's success and fools around in the cafeteria. "I was just putting pizza on my face and being weird," Sarah said. "We were just having fun and messing around."

STAYING afloat Slowly pouring root beer into a cup filled with Kilwins' ice cream, Marissa Sylvestre, junior, helps out during a Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) root beer float sale. "It's a good club to be in," Marissa said. "We do a lot of things. It makes school better and it promotes better decision making for kids."



FRENCH fair Along with seniors Al Pavkovich and Theresa Kretz, Alex Anjelich, junior, performs the chicken dance at the French Club Mardi Gras party. "Madame

[Mart-Webb] said we could dance to music, so we put on a CD with the chicken dance and the Hokey Pokey." Alex said.

THE FEW REASONS WHY

From Band to NHS, students join clubs for a variety of reasons, whether to compete against friends in Ping Pong or earn a community service edge on college admissions with Project X.

Stopped in front of Target's toy aisle, Emily Yaeger, junior, spent several minutes contemplating the perfect Christmas toy to buy.

"I bought Pretty, Pretty Princess because I liked the game when I was little," Emily said.

As a Project X member, Emily bought one toy for a girl aged five to 11. Her present, along with 75 other gifts and a \$100 donation,

were contributed to the Mustang Toy Drive sponsored by the Football Team. The drive helped 750 children who wouldn't receive any other presents, according to Project X sponsor, Mrs. Darlene Acosta, attendance secretary.

"I joined Project X because it actually did stuff for others," Emily said. "It was a good cause to help those who couldn't control their situation."

Pounding away on the synopated chords, Jonathan Alexander, junior, tried recalling why he joined Jazz Band, but realized the choice was not completely his.

On one hand, his parents encouraged him to join the club, but on the other, approaching college applications affected his decision, too.

"I did Jazz Band to look good on college applications," Jonathan said. "It showed that I could play more than just church or choir music."

Whether he enjoyed the club didn't matter, but the fact remained that in order to major in music education, Jonathan needed to study a diverse repertoire.

Lightly tapping the ball on the ping pong table, students found ways to join clubs that had fun and outgoing environments.

Other students found their niche in clubs such as Speech and De-

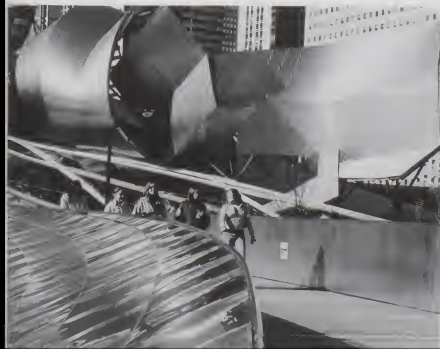
bate, according to Afshan Husain, senior.

"I thought I wasn't going to have fun," Afshan said. "I enjoyed Debate because I liked to argue and get my point across to people."



STEALING a march Trumpets held high, Tyler Drabenstot and Brandon Schweitzer, sophomores, play a selection from Wicked during halftime. "Marching Band was a good work out," Tyler said.

A WALK in the park At the journalism convention in Chicago, juniors Cecilia Huang, Colleen McIntyre, Clare McCullough, Liz Vandenak and Natalie Moya tour Millennium Park. "The convention helped us learn skills to use with Crier," Cecilia said.



THEY'RE THE LEADERS OF THE PACK

Each club found members who went above and beyond regular duties. Their initiative to take on responsibilities and their dedication to causes puts them in the community spotlight.

Arriving at school at 4 a.m. for the ABC 7 School Days show and organizing Battle of the Bands auditions only scratched the surface of Student Body President, Tamiko Toyama's, many tasks.

Student Government's numerous events including Battle of the Bands, caused Tamiko's hectic schedule. Battle took an unfavorable turn when it became a battle of ideas.

Dressed in cargoes and a sweatshirt, Lauren Hudak, junior, exuded pride and impressiveness. Her shrewd gaze behind her sharp glasses made her intense leadership obvious. Her role as a District One Representative on the Indiana Association of Student Councils (IASC) Executive Board attested to her dedication to Student Government and her school.

"Personally I had no part in [the decision]," Tamiko said about combining the event with a talent show to raise more money for Riley's Children's Hospital.

Tamiko's concerns about the newly added talent portion vanished when Battle's crowd and profits grew to three times the size.

"In the end Battle was for charity," Tomiko said. "We made more money than we ever did before."

Lauren's duties included organizing the State Convention, distributing the district newsletter, planing three socials and preparing for the Representative Convention.

"There was more to life than straight 'As'. I hated to admit it, but I didn't plan on getting an 'A' in math second semester," Lauren said. "It was because I devoted my time to extracurricular activities."

COVER up Proudly holding up the 2006 *Paragon* mock cover, editors Katie Taylor and Lizzie Browder, juniors, display it for *Crier* members. "Our theme needed a little explanation," Katie said. "It wasn't something that you could just look at without reading."

BRIGHT lights With the spotlight in their faces, seniors Tamiko Toyama, Student Body President, and Shobha Pai, treasurer, introduce the next talent. "We had [the talent show] this year because it was one of my campaign promises," Tamiko said.



BIG shot Ready to sink a shot at the ABC 7 pep session games, Nick Stoffregen, sophomore, aims while fellow sophomore Pero Ogrizovich waits. "I did Student Government because people came to me for problems," Nick said. "It was fun to meet with others to think of ways to resolve issues."



OFF THE wall With his words directed to a wall of lockers, Matt Tepperman, senior, recites his prose interpretation. As a member of the Speech Council, Matt felt it was necessary to do his best. "The Munster meet was a big meet," Matt said. "There was competition from all around the state."



Art Club (front row) Rachel McMahon, Cecilia Huang, Benjamin Lee, Brendan Georgas, Milijana Lalic, Desiree Cossylee, Cristina Vanko (second row) Paul Bairbridge, Sarah Grabarczyk, Amanda Bacoyanis, Tony Paz, Elizabeth Garrettson, Seo Taiji, Alexa Koulourides (back row) Veronica Delgado, Sara Ambrey, Lisa Sobilo, Jennifer McCreight, Jacob Krismanick, Mark Webster, Mary Carp



Art Club (front row) Chakori Macherla, Kalpana Patil, Aisha Siddiqui, Sarah Flick, Stephanie Bugvis, Eissa Moll (second row) Kaitlin Bandura, Naina Moeller, Morgan Midkiff, Samantha Loduryek, Christina Avgerinos (back row) Erika Salazar, Alexa Wolak, Jenelle Boudreau, Maya Zaragoza, Golnoosh Kamali, Adam Cooper



Auditorium Staff (front row) Kirstin Bularzik, Melissa Victor, Katie Franklin, Sarah Flick, Kurt Popovich, Stephanie Bugvis, Sarah Wachala (second row) Brandon Lopez, Melissa Rangel, Britney Bregien, Morgan Midkiff, Erika Salazar, Ryan McIntyre (third row) Megan Hruska, Christina Boswell, Joe Marciniak, Jenelle Boudreau, Heather Phipps, Jessica Conger (fourth row) Saba Ahmed, Amanda Bacoyanis, Mary Carp, Sharon Lee, Tony Paz, Danielle Cacich (back row) David Van Wieren, Pat Pohrite, Adam Bobeck, John Mihlich, Mike Graczyk, Kevin O'Drabinak



Band, Jazz (front row) Angela Hehn, Marc Campos, Robert Gorman, Felipe Hernandez, George Samaan, Amanda Bacoyanis, Bridget Parker (second row) Johnathan Alexander, Ben Milbrath, Bryan Lee, David Linneer, Matt Lemus, Tyler Drabenstott (back row) Paul Albrecht-Mallinger, Joe Kasenga, Ben DeBoer, Jason Carr, John Wadas, Joey Zagorski, John-Michael Mulesa



Band, Marching (front row) Iovan Andjelich, John-Michael Mulesa, Paul Albrecht-Mallinger, Matt Tepperman, Kim Hajiner (back row) William Dempsey, Ben DeBoer, Jason Carr, John Wadas, Joey Zagorski, Joe Kasenga



Band, Marching (front row) Mark Bockman, Ryan Slosser, Daniel Boyle, Bryan Lee, Kevin Troman (back row) Brandon Schweitzer, Dan Carr, David Linneer, Patrick Speranza, Matt Kuehn

Art Club

President
Jen McCreight

Vice President
Cristina Vanko

Participants
60

Sponsor
Mrs. Sandi Kozlowski

It's what they do
"Putting up the art show was a big thing. It took a lot of organization. We collected the student entries, made a list of the 122 pieces, and helped announce awards."

Jen McCreight,
senior

Auditorium Staff

Production Manager
Kirsten Bularzik

Technical Director
Eric Zyglowicz

Participants
65

Sponsor
Mr. Larry Brechner

It's what they do
"We serviced 60 to 70 school events around the town, and about 15 to 20 of them were commercial events."

Mr. Brechner

Band, Jazz

Participants
50

Sponsor
Mr. Bill Woods

It's what they do
"In December we played at the Visitor's Center in Hammond. It was nice being around the trees and the lights and there were about 50 to 75 people watching us."

Mr. Woods

IT'S THE ICING ON THE CAKE

From passing out pink carnations on Sweetest Day to picking up newspapers and recyclables, clubs like DECA and Project X provide services both in the school and in the community.

Gazing into the rectangular make-up mirror, a young performer perches on a counter top. He looks lost amidst the girls frantically applying layers of eyeliner, while he forlornly holds a small wedge-shaped sponge doused with concealer. He looks relieved as Taylor Compton, freshman, comes to his aid.

"[Applying make-up for shows] was something I liked to do and everyone was so welcoming, it made it an easy task," Taylor said.

Not only did Taylor like doing

stage make-up for plays, but she also enjoyed the art of it.

"I really liked doing make-up. I did make-up for all my friends," Taylor said. "With theater you got to be more creative."

Taylor never performed at the high school, but liked the thought of the costumes better than the idea of life on stage.

"I liked the costumes and it was fun to dress up once in a while," Taylor said. "I liked to sing, but I was always kind of afraid to sing in front of people."

Over 200 cupcakes sat on a table, waiting patiently to be smothered in frosting and decorated with colorful sprinkles during all four lunch periods in February.

Project X sponsored a cupcake sale for a former student's mother, who under went chemotherapy for leukemia with out aid from a health insurance company, according to Project X sponsor Mrs. Dar-

lene Acosta, attendance secretary.

Project X members sold a variety of flavored cupcakes and toppings, while raising \$139 for the family members.

"It felt good to know that I took part in helping someone in need," Stephanie Gallardo, junior, said.

SPREADING the sprinkles

Topping off a cupcake, Annie Marinakos, sophomore, assists during the Project X cupcake bar. "My favorite part of the cupcake bar was the free cupcakes," Annie said.



WHAT IN carnation With a card in hand, Maureen Modesto, junior, accepts a Sweetest Day carnation from DECA member Shellie Ker-

zner, senior. "We sold carnations for a fundraiser and then hand delivered them to people in their classrooms," Shellie said.





PUSH off Pushing the library cart full of personal items and snacks, Joey Domenico, junior, collects items for soldiers stationed in Iraq. "We helped out the community with all the food drives and other services we did," Joey said. Mr. Don Fortner's study hall won the competition with 555 item points.

ALL SHE wrote Quickly checking to see who was present, Lauren Hudak, junior, takes attendance at a Project X meeting while Fatima Hussain confirms her presence. "I tried to come but if I had other things going on I would find out by visiting Mrs. Acosta to keep up with activities," Fatima said.



Band, Marching (front row) Daniel del Real, Zander Kevin, Ben Milbrath, Mike Cummins, Michael Curran (back row) Sara Larsen, Matt Pukoszek, Steven Taylor, Julie Janis, John Mihich



Band, Marching (front row) Kelly Frank, Mitch Shlensky, Robert Gorman, Brian Schmidt, Tyler Drabenstot, Daniel Linnear (back row) Anna Millies, Matt Lemus, Tony Markovich, Joe Raycroft, Sonja Vasic, Renae Kooy



Band, Marching (front row) Amanda Bacoyanis, Kim Wiers, Sharon Lee, Tony Paz (second row) James Willis, George Saman, Kelsey Ellingsen, Stephen Shih (back row) Philip Beruerti, Kevin Kooy, Jordan Milne, Caleb Kurwsky, Felipe Hernandez



Band, Marching (front row) Paul Bainbridge, Melissa Rangel, Jessica Beezhold, Heather Ballard, Janelle Boudreau (back row) Eric Roach, Doug Johnson, Sean Tomazin, Justin Mulesa, Manny Lopez, Danielle Cacich



Band, Marching (front row) Aren Farkas, Molly Poczontek, Marc Campos, Rachel Trotman, Gwen Lopez (second row) Milena Janewski, Jackie Boyle, Elyse Holloway, Corinne Stafford (back row) Michelle Ballard, Kassia Groszewski, Tori Sroka, Arjun Kumar, Kelly Rausch



Band, Marching (front row) Stephanie Handlon, Aava Khatiwada, Nicole Hong, Alison Bergmann, Ambika Rao (back row) Anana Rodriguez, Tessa McGuan, Mary sandreck, Kathryn Wadas, Eric Neiner, Melissa Cappel

Band, Marching

Participants
135

Sponsor
Mr. Bill Woods

It's what they do
"The Florida trip was definitely the most exciting. We played at really cool places like the Kennedy Space Center and Universal Studios, marching through Islands of Adventure."

Mr. Woods



Band, Marching (front row) Andrea Manchak, Katelin Lewandowski, Kara Korem, Lovelyn Patrana, Meagan Yothment (second row) Ethan Hirsch, Danielle Neumann, Abby Farkas, Andrea Dell'Aquila, Stephanie Septiel (back row) Stephanie Banach, Paige Patterson, Daphne Pantazis, Alex Reindl, Dayanna Alvarado, Natalie Manchak



Band, Marching (front row) Stephanie Bugvis, Anisha Rastogi, Suchita Rastogi, Allison Newman (second row) Bridget Parker, Val Carrillo, Neylan Pocantek, Deana Miskimins (back row) Jordan Jancosek, Heather Loden, Jason Pastrana, Nicole Trimolt, Melissa Victor

Band, Pep

Participants

60

Sponsor

Mr. Bill Woods

It's what they do

"We serviced 60-70 school events around the town, and about 15-20 of them were commercial events."

Mr. Woods



Band, Pep (front row) Kim Hajdich, Paul Albrecht-Mallinger, John-Michael Mulesa, Patrick Speranza, Dan Carr, Bryan Lee (back row) Joe Kasenga, Ben DeBoer, Jason Carr, John Wadas, Joey Zagorski, Jovan Andjelich



Band, Pep (front row) George Samaan, Tyler Drabensdot, Robert Gorman, James Willis (second row) Sharyn Lee, Kim Wiers, Ben Milbrath, Amanda Bacoyanis (back row) Caleb Kurowski, Matt Pakoszek, Sara Larsen, Steven Taylor, Julie Janis



Band, Pep (front row) Val Carrillo, Michelle Ballard, Ariana Rodriguez, Stephanie Handlon, Melissa Cappel (back row) Janelle Boudreau, Paul Bainbridge, Danielle Cacich, Sean Tomazin, Mark Campos, Justin Mulesa



Band, Pep (front row) Neylan Pocantek, Melissa Victor, Meagan Yothment, Andrea Dell'Aquila, Stephanie Septiel, Stephanie Bugvis (second row) Elyse Holloway, Heather Loden, Alison Bergmann, Ambika Rao, Nicole Trimolt, Lovelyn Pastrana (back row) Eric Neiner, Katheyn Wadas, Jackie Boyle, Tessa McGuan, Mary Sandrick, Aava Khatiwada, Melissa Rangel

LIFE IN drive Checking off classrooms they have already collected from, Lauren Hudak, junior, and Danny Alexander, sophomore, pick up cans of food and monetary donations for Student Government's Food Drive. "We helped out by providing the disadvantaged with food," Danny said.

TOPPING IT off With a cherry on top, SADD members Ajay Patwari and Tamiko Toyama, seniors, made personalized ice cream. "It was a way to do something fun while encouraging good values," Ajay said. SADD members raised the money for prom and license plates promoting safe driving after the dance.



THE ONES DRIVING IT HOME

To support soldiers

stationed in Iraq, Student Government collects personal items and snacks for their Armed Forces Service Drive as service groups offer help throughout the community.

On any Friday afternoon students wait in their seats for the 6th hour bell to finally ring, starting a rush of sounds that reverberate throughout the halls. While most students flood out of every exit preparing for the much needed weekend, Project X donated valuable time to spring cleaning.

During Fridays in April, Project X members became the auxiliary crew.

Club members picked up trash, assisted custodians, and became the extra set of hands needed to ready the school inside and out for the hustle and bustle of a new week.

"The point was to make the school a more beautiful place," Project X treasurer Clare McCullough, junior, said. "It made a cooperative environment between members and the school."

Imagine for one moment never being able to run for long periods of time or participate in any strenuous activities. Children and adults with far stages of muscular dystrophy can not handle tasks such as jumping out of bed in the morning or picking up a box.

DECA hosted their annual Bowl-a-thon to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) to help diagnosed children.

"It was a great way to help and have fun at the same time," Mitch Hanak, freshman, said. "I tried to help out in any way I could."

DECA members attended the Bowl-a-thon and went around different neighborhoods collecting donations for the MDA. Students bowled at Plaza Lanes in Highland and ate donated pizza to celebrate the money collected for the organization.



DRAW THE line Pen in hand, Managing Editor Ryan Miller, sophomore, sizes photos as he designs the front page of *Crier's* senior issue.

"Doing a photo spread is difficult because it takes a lot of work to plan out," Ryan said.



HIGH sign Smiling at the camera, seniors Elyse Van Camp and Libby Thompson sign the National Anthem at ABC 7. The morning show visited to highlight different aspects of the school. "It was really early," Elyse said. "But fun to be on TV."

DROP IN THE bucket For the Project X Toy Drive, Emily Yaege, junior, chose a girl to buy a Christmas present. "We helped children who were going through hard times," Emily said. "It brought spirit around the holidays."

CHECK one, two Hidden in the sound booth, Kurt Popovich, sophomore, checks the actors' microphones before Music Man. "It was like working in a professional environment," Kurt said.

ON THE nose With his nose stained from lipstick, Stephen Shih, freshman, plays the clarinet with Chris Cheng, sophomore, at Homecoming.



FORCES BEYOND THE STAGE

Behind the scenes Auditorium Staff assist in stage set up

and lighting, making it possible for concerts, plays and special performances, including the Justo Llamas Spanish concert.

A 22-hour bus ride started an exclusive spring break for band members, as they traveled to Florida for a grand performance after hours of grueling practices. Every other year Marching Band had the opportunity to travel for a performance.

"It was good to get away from town and the weather," trumpet player Jackie Boyle, junior, said.

Meeting additional bands from across the country boosted the morale of the band, after convening with a band from Japan. Jackie had

high hopes of one day changing the course of their performances.

The band played at the Kennedy Space Center where they performed the National Anthem and marched to the Spiderman theme song at Universal Studios.

After playing at these locations the band had extra time to sight see and enjoy their spring break while visiting Coco Beach and various theme parks in the area.

"[The trip] helped make the band better and it gave us more recognition," Jackie said.

Rhythmic beats and ritual dance steps encompassed the African Drum and Dance Ensemble. The group performed at various locations throughout the community. In addition to the regular routines, the ensemble had their television debut in March on the ABC School Days special.

The group performed many different choreographed dances; yet for Alexandra Pavkovich, senior, the most unique "gig" was the show performed at the Indiana Music Educators Association Con-

vention in Indianapolis.

"The performance in [Indianapolis] allowed us to see how other teachers reacted to us," Alexandra said. "The trip allowed us to bond while traveling together on the bus rides there and back."

Tight-knit bonds allowed the group to work with the traditional rhythms and execute rhythm driven steps in sync. These exotic routines allowed the club to express a new part of themselves to audiences at Battle of the Bands and to the viewers of ABC 7.



LAUGHING matter Bobbing her head to the rhythm, Al Pavkovich, senior, drums during a Sunday African Drum Ensemble practice. "When I was a sophomore, I saw them perform at a choir concert," Al said. "I thought it was just so amazing and I knew it had to join right then."



BLINK OF AN EYE Statuesquely sitting as Sam Skrobot, senior, applies her eye-shadow, Sarah Roque, freshman, patiently waits while she gets her makeup done for the Novice Show, *Reunion with Death*. "The younger kids don't know the excessive amount of makeup that needs to be caked on their faces," Sam said

MAGIC touch With the final touches in place, Saba Ahmed, senior, checks one last time before going on stage with *Music Man*. Cast members would also participate in "Spirit Circle" to get themselves into character. "It sounds corny, but clapping into character always got me ready to go on stage," Saba said.



Color Guard (front row) Neylan Poczontek, Andrea Manchak, Natalie Manchak, Kaitlin Lewandowski, Melissa Victor, Allison Newman (second row) Dayanna Alvarado, Stephanie Banach, Paige Patterson, Connie Stafford, Aren Farkas (back row) Daphne Pantazis, Kim Wiers, Kelsey J. Ellingsen, Amanda Bacoyanis, Janelle Boudreau, Kassia Croszenski



Crier (front row) Gina Stoffregen, Clare McIlough, Cecilia Huang, Cullen McIntyre, Natalie Moya (back row) Ryan Miller, Kevin Donahue, Tim Bishop, Jennifer McCreight, Jessica Beezhold



DECA (front row) Gannon Grimmer, Crystal Alteri, Katharine Moore, Sameera Razviddin, Kai Stridland, Abhinav Ravi, Kurt Popovich, Dulari Dave (second row) Jameka Penn, Cristina Vanko, Kristina Soczyk, Marie Welsh, Kim Brandon, Lisa Weichman, Kim Hasse (third row) Alyson Patton, Caleb Edens, Kurt Leeney, George Nieves, Shyaheen Omery, Arel Varjabedian, Anthony Fattore, Kush Patel (forth row) Neil Doshi, Veronica Delgado, Evan Compton, Mike Jones, Rohan Warriar, Eric McGill, Mubarak Sobyz (back row) Robin Jiang, Eric Anderson, Nolan Silko, Michael McIntyre, Siderth Dabari, Darryl Dedlow Jr., Viraj Mannar, Mitch Hanak



French Club (front row) Brandon Chynoweth, Kevin Nossen, Theresa Kretz, Eric Anderson, Brian Ritz, Jon Merritt, Katie Lissy (second row) Ashley Spokman, Amanda Bacoyanis, Austin Bubosh, Karen Larsen, Lisa Sobilo, Sharyn Lee, Onanasan Gbagi, Alexandra Pavlovich (third row) Sara Brown, Alex Andjelich, Grant Huebner, Ryan Gott, Hannah Huebner, Kim Wiers, Jon Sobilo (back row) Jake Kunz, Michael McNicholas, Aric Van Weelden, Scott Rutkowski, Tom Cafmeyer, Alex Toth, Ashley Boyan, Meghan Guthrie

Color Guard

Team Captain
Melissa Victor
Participants
18

Sponsor
Mr. Bill Woods

It's what they do
"On the Florida trip, we marched through the Kennedy Space Center and Universal Studios' Islands of Adventure."
Mr. Woods

Crier

Editor
Jessica Beezhold
Managing Editor
Ryan Miller

Participants
13

Sponsor
Mrs. Nancy Hastings

It's what they do
"It was hard to start out as a new staff and find our roles. We didn't have the advantage of seeing an example of how it was done. It was tough, but we got through it."
Jessica Beezhold, junior

DECA

President
Eric Anderson

Vice President
Shaheen Omery

Participants
63

Sponsor
Mr. Kent Lewis

It's what they do
"The Bowl-a-thon for muscular dystrophy was the best thing we've done because we were giving something back."
Mr. Lewis

French Club

Co-Presidents
Ashley Goyan
Lisa Sobilo

Participants
96

Sponsor
Madame Alyse Mart-Webb

It's what they do
"Our 'travaux d'été' is learning more about the French culture while having fun and cementing friendships."
Madame Mart-Webb

TOOTING HIS HORN

Sweating beneath the August blazing sun, Marching Band steals envious glances from those at the pool, but the rush of performing at halftime makes the whole experience worth it.

As the clock slowly ticked passed 4 p.m., student director Joel Schneider, junior, tapped his fingers on the armrests of the auditorium chair as he waited to begin rehearsal for *Exit the Body*. As time passed slowly, he patiently waited for cast members who were running late to practice.

Being a student director included casting and scheduling rehearsals, according to Joel. Students directed *Reunion With Death and Exit the Body*.

Shrill notes and the constant tick tock of the metronome clashed every Tuesday and Thursday morning in the band room as flute section leader Sharon Lee, senior, attempted to clean up tricky rhythms of the flute section while tapping her feet to the beat against the cold linoleum floor.

"There was a lot of time put into it and a lot of pulling teeth to get people to play what they were supposed to,"

PLAY IT by ear Hands strumming the keys of the flute Paul Bainbridge, junior, shares music with Sarah Grabarczyk, senior. "Sometimes when we were at games there was nothing to do," Paul said. "We got bored so we started messing around."



MAKE IT peppy Arms raised to lead the band, John Michael Mulesa, junior, conducts the band at a football game. "I thought being drum major was a good way to participate with school spirit," John Michael said. "I was glad to be able to do it."

"It was hard to cast people," Joel said, "We tried to pick the person who best fit the role."

Although casting proved difficult, it was but one of a few problems student directors encountered. Many times they acted as the "bad guy," enforcing set rules such as practice times, according to Joel.

"I hated yelling at the cast," he said. "But sometimes yelling was the only thing that got through to people to be quiet."

Sharon said. "I didn't think I inspired so much as drove them nuts."

Sharon's apprehension evaporated during the Wind Ensemble's performance at ISSMA State Qualification. Her jaw dropped in surprise when she saw the auditorium shake with the full, booming sounds and melodies.

"We played so many times better than what I expected," Sharon said. "I've never been more proud."

MUSIC TO the ears Before an Orchestra concert, Christia Bieda, senior, warms up on the viola using spare time to tune instruments and play over difficult passages. "I enjoy performing music and playing the viola," she said.





FULL blown Trombone in hands Mike Cummins, junior, marches to the beat of the band at the Homecoming game. "It was fun being able to perform in front of a big crowd," Mike said. "It took lots of practice to perfect it, but it was all worth it."

FACE paint Patiently waiting, Adam Bobeck, stands while Mrs. Carol Lyn Brechner, assistant drama director, applies foundation before a performance of *Pippin*. "The make up just brought out facial features," Adam said. "After doing four plays it was no big deal."



French Club (front row) Sara Sasamiani, Paige Patterson, Jackie Boyle, Patricia Schmaier, Angeliue Mercier, Carolyn Brown (second row) Lauren Hudak, Olivia Enger, Heather Phipps, Adam Belkairous, Julie Ostrowski, Brett Anderson, Nicole Hong (third row) Chris Cheng, Keaton Aktay, Jason Pastrana, Ashley Hack, Amanda Schulte, Kim Hawkins, Ted Hack, Alek Shmagranoff (fourth row) Daphne Pantaris, Jessica Cluserath, Justine Van Dyke, Tatiana Bozovic, Kayla Roach, Kassandra Everett, Emily Lyness (back row) Jereme Magsaysay, Paulina Kozupa, Philip Chiang, Daniel del Real, Julie Bembenista, Tyler Drabenstot, Leroy Velasquez, Adam Riley



French Club (front row) Elisa Moll, Alex Cohen, Neylan Pocotek, Clarissa Gosciej, Jill Magsaysay, Stephanie O'Connor (second row) Jackie Kovach, Rose McKeon, Colleen Resler, Pooja Khaliwada, Sarah Chowdhury, Marcelina Manuel, Marilyn Hansen (third row) Michelle Phillipsborn, Bernadette Bowen, Alesandra Mora, Jennifer Razel, Emily Eagan, Kathryn Helfen, Lovelyn Pastrana (fourth row) Stana Romic, Dayanna Alvarado, Heather Loden, Ariana Rodriguez, Stephanie Handlon, Rodrigo Fernandez, Judith Maddatu (back row) Anya Mechaiekh, Megan Hruska, Kim Long, Ann Perz, Sam Tantillo, Abbey Brokop, Sophie Griggs, Cristina Vanko



Freshman Class Executive Council (front row) Brian Lewis, Courtney Hoyle, Emily Ellison, Colleen Anderson



German Club (front row) Sonny Marcetic, Matt Thompson, James Ecomou, Mark Knight, Steven Alspach, Dan Budilovsky, Evan Compton (second row) Andrew Bilse, Joe O'Brien, Tim Qualls, Steve Markovich, Eric Anderson, Jeff Bragiel, James Dubish, Matt Matz (third row) Erick Maul, Kevin Donahue, Sharyn Lee, Mary Carp, Lisa Sobilo, Amanda Baccayanis, Dimitri Katsapas (back row) Madeline Grdina, Rachel Heinrich, Jon Velschek, Joe Kasenga, Daniel Croagh, Jeff Justus, Jeff Kovatch



German Club (front row) Austin Diehl, Pero Ognazovich, Umbreen Khan, Lindy Sebienski, Katie Kokalov, Adam Cooper (second row) Jennifer Romano, Chrissy Terry, Allison Meggers, Milijana Lalic, Erin Hott, Anya Mitric, Jessica Hilbrich (third row) Ashley Hack, Mike Jones, Evan Maul, Kim Hawkins, Stephanie Pulido, Dayanna Alvarado (back row) Mitch Farnsley, Ed Ciez, Jennifer Peng, Nick Markovich, Andrew Johnson, Chris Kennedy, Dan Role

Freshman CEC

Participants

6

Sponsor

Mrs. Jackieyn Podkul

It's what they do

"We sold T-shirts to raise money for the sophomore float."

Mrs. Podkul

German Club

Presidents

Christopher Topor

Vice President

Evan Compton

Participants

107

Sponsor

Mrs. Eileen Meier

It's what they do

"We went downtown to the Museum of Science and Industry and saw the U505 submarine."

Mrs. Meier



German Club (front row) Marcelina Manuel, Kirstin Bularzik, Ali McKenna, Val Carrillo, Julie Hawkins, Melissa Webber, Elissa Moll (second row) Kerian Ballanco, Cristina Vanko, Danielle Stone, Arianna Rodriguez, Stephanie Handlon, Emily Yeager, Alex Cohen (third row) Nicole Trimolt, Jordan Jancosek, Alicia Tuuk, Alex Hora, Katey Minton, Stephanie Sepiol, Melissa Cappel (back row) Divia Sergiyalo, Julie Zivida, Anek Varjabedian, Clare McCullough, Adam Lerner, Megan Hruska, Anne Koulianos, Ariana Dremonas

Junior CEC

President
Desiree Cossyleon

Vice President
Chan Hyunh

Participants
13

Sponsors
Miss Valerie Pflum
Mr. Mike Coi

It's what they do
"For Prom, we decorated more than any other class had. We added arches and a senior walkway."

Miss Pflum



Junior Class Executive Council (front row) Bridget Parker, Cristina Vanko, Katie Stout, Katelyn Bochnowski, Chan Hyunh (second row) Cate Lee, Austin Piech, Kristy Anderson, Kate Varnum, Desiree Cossyleon (back row) Joel Schneider, Jeff Chou, Joe Scholtz, Tony Markovich, Joe Raycroft



Mixed Ensembles (front row) Shobha Pai, Katie Taylor, Mara Maddocks, Danielle Troumoularis, Clare McCulloch, Alyssa Lanmer (second row) Bobby Romano, Michael Hughes, Christine Barnes, Sharon Lee, Doug Johnson, Anne Chambers (back row) Mark Knight, Michael Konopasek, Matt Tepperman, Zach Porinski, Ryan Blanchard, Scott Goodwin, Jonathan Alexander



Theatre Company (front row) Janelle Boudreau, Kim Long, Megan Hruska, Umbreen Khan, Alexandra Pavlovich, Kathryn Wadas, Julianne Waterson, Natalie Banks (second row) Alexander Avgits, Kevin O'Drabinak, Sharyn Lee, Amanda Bacoyanis, Tony Paz, Danielle Cacchi, Elyse Estes (third row) Kim Wiers, David Van Wieren, Mike Graczyk, Michael Konopasek, Rachel Heinrich, John Mihich, Russell Gonzalez, Mary Carp (back row) Michael Hughes, Joel Schneider, Adam Bobeck, Matt Tepperman, Ben Varnum, Pat Pohrte, Ryan Blanchard, Scott Goodwin, Mark Webster

Mixed Ensembles

Participants
20

Sponsor

Dr. Timothy Bartlett

It's what they do
"Mixed ensembles participated in the Augustana College High School Chamber Choir Festival at the end of October. They traveled to Rock Island, IL, and stayed overnight at the college."

Dr. Bartlett

Theatre Company

President
Heather Phipps

Participants
110

Sponsor

Mr. Larry Brechner

It's what they do

"We have one of the busiest production schedules and perform two fully student directed shows."

Mr. Brechner



Theatre Company (front row) Kirstin Bularzik, Elyse Holloway, Stephanie Sepul, Molly White, Sarah Flick, Melissa Victory, Kurt Popovich, Stephanie Burris, Sarah Wachala (second row) Aleka Stefanopoulos, Kaitlin Bindura, Chan Hyunh, Nicole Raynor, Alyssa Spungen, Olivia Yates, Katie Franklin, Mallory McShane (third row) Emily Clark, Amanda Kilbarda, Amanda Porter, Katie Taylor, Danielle Troumoularis, Samantha Skrobot, Saba Ahmed, Kim Dooley, Clare McCulloch (fourth row) Jessica Novotny, Melissa Ringel, Britney Breger, Olivia Enger, Cristina Vanko, Fatima Husain, Tieg Alexander, Morgan Midkiff (back row) Katie Anderson, Shobha Pai, Jessica Conger, Heather Phipps, Joe Marcinia, Paul Bainbridge, Kaseia Czerwinski, Katie Banks, Brian Lewis

COME ON and fight

Along with her band cohorts, Deanna Miskimins, senior, plays the school fight song for the ABC 7 newscast at 5 a.m. "I was kind of excited about going to school early," Deanna said. "I wasn't looking forward to the school day after it, but it was fun."



MARCH WITH attitude

With her head tilted back and her sunglasses on, Kim Wiers, junior, marches in the Homecoming parade as part of the Colorguard. "I loved performing," Kim said. "The girls were all great. For the first time in two years, the Colorguard performed in the parade."





UP AND ABOUT NIGHT AND DAY

While TV cameras capture the hours of work put into a four-minute African Drum and Dance Ensemble routine at 5 a.m., long after the rest of the school leaves, the musical cast continues practice.

At the beginning of the year, Mike Konopasek, junior, faced an extracurricular dilemma. He didn't know whether to give up his active involvement in Debate or continue singing with Mixed Ensemble.

"Mixed [ensemble] conflicted with Public Forum practises on Mondays and Wednesdays after school," Mike said. "I couldn't do Sign Language Club because that was Mondays too. I was in Debate,

just not as active. I chose to do ensembles because I loved singing."

Mixed Ensembles met twice a week for an hour, and while this arrangement seemed time consuming, the practice was necessary to be prepared for performances, according to Mike.

"We did a lot of gigs," Mike said. "You worked so hard and you saw people enjoy the music and the service. It was gratifying."

With the twist of her wrist and a swing of a red flag posted atop a black pole, Dayanna Alvarado, senior, performs a choreographed routine for Color Guard during the Homecoming parade.

After performing with the group for two years Dayanna knew the ins and outs to Color Guard.

"I knew the girls really well," Dayanna said. "We all worked to-

wards the common goal of perfecting our performance, which made the whole process really easy."

Dayanna helped to lead the other participants in the right direction during the grueling hours of practice after school.

"Practice was the most important thing to us," she said. "It's what helped us improve and prepared us for the difficult routines."

RISE and sing To keep their eyelids from closing before the ABC 7 broadcast, juniors Katie Franklin and Sarah Meggers wait for their five minutes of fame. "It was probably around 5 a.m. in the morning, but we waited until 6 a.m. to go on," Katie said.

TWO step Stepping to the rhythmic paces of the African drum, juniors Samantha Torres and Chan Hurnh, and senior Kim Dooley perform for ABC 7. "I didn't want to screw up," Chan said. "We ran through the whole performance verbally."



SEARCHING FOR THEIR NICHE

After a one year hiatus, *Crier* returns for the benefit of the school and the students working on the newspaper, while Jennifer McCreight, senior, sweeps the Student Art Show taking her to the Tri-County awards ceremony.

Printed on a white banner journalism students read "journalism is life on a deadline," but the realization of this quote came when the *Crier* staff lived it.

Two hours after the last bell rang, the room was still alive with the sound of the chattering staff members and steady paced clicks of the keyboard. With only a day before publication, the staff worked every three weeks to complete each page with perfection.

With publication of *Crier* back in full swing, an all-new staff had to quickly learn the process of putting out a paper and the dedication needed to complete it. *Crier* staff members attended national conventions, workshops, and Journalism Day at Ball State University to learn new techniques in design and

writing. Yet the overall success of the paper was due to the dedication that the staff and adviser put into the paper.

"The vast majority of our success," *Crier* staff member Anna Guanzon, sophomore, said, "is because of 'H' [Journalism teacher, Mrs. Nancy Hastings] and how hard she pushes us, because she has so much experience. Also after taking Journalism I, we realized how much dedication it took."

Crier had ample success, winning 4th in Best of Show from NSPA in Chicago, and being named a Hoosier Star Finalist from Indiana High School Press Association. Individually, staff members received two Quill and Scroll Gold Keys and a total of seven awards at Ball State Journalism Day.

Organizing ceramic pots, oil paintings, sketches and photography was just one of the many tasks that Art Club president Jennifer McCreight, senior, had to complete in order for the art displays to appeal to the audience.

"Seeing all of the students' art on the walls was really great," Jennifer said. "It was a good opportunity to let other students see what we did that otherwise they would have never had a chance to see."

Students from all grade levels entered a variety of art forms, from computer graphically altered pic-

es to photographs and oil painted landscapes in the Student Art Show. Best of Show and tops in each media were recognized with cash prizes provided by the Adult Booster Club.

"There was talk of opening the show up to all students, not just those who were taking art classes," Jennifer said. "Really, I would just like to see the show get bigger and bigger every year."

BY a string Balloon strings hanging down, Libby Thompson and Emily Clark, seniors, decorate for the Homecoming dance with Student Government members. "It pulled in a lot of students," Libby said. "It let us learn a lot about each other."



SHOW-and-tell Enveloped in excitement, *Crier* editor-in-chief, Jessica Beechold, junior, displays the fourth place award in Best of Show at the National Journalism conven-

tion in Chicago. "I thought we would place low so when after they called ninth I stopped paying attention," Jessica said. "When they said fourth I was shocked."

FIND AND seek Thumbing through the publications photo drawer, Head Photographer, Gina Stoffregen, senior, looks for a fall sports photo to complete *Crier's* senior issue front page. "What I liked most about being a photographer was knowing that when people looked through their yearbook and newspaper to remember high school they saw the photos I took," Gina said.

FILE fiend With Debate Districts on the way, Carly Gibbs, sophomore, begins loading her evidence bins. Carly joined Debate for fun, but also to improve speaking skills. "Debate made me more confident," Carly said. "I'm definitely better at speaking and I'm better at researching as well."



National Honor Society (front row) Alexa Harris, Brandon Chynoweth, Peter Puthenveetil, Kim Hawkins, Mike Graczyk, Armando Casas (second row) John Mihich, Joanna Blesiek, Theresa Ketz, Sharon Lee, Jennifer Jamich, Molly Yothmet, Suzy Acosta (third row) Ajay Patwari, Melissa Cary, Leah Alberson, Tim Lukoshus, Erich Maul, Jennifer McCreight, Mark Webster, Lisa Sobilo (fourth row) Libbie Thompson, Ashley Boyan, Julie Benbenista, Gina Rebesco, Maggie Behrens, Rachel Heinrich, Kristen Rueth (back row) Matt Tepperman, John Wadas, Joe Kasenga, Nick Stolarz, Joey Zagorski, Matt Westerlund, Jeff Mariner, Michael McNicholas



National Honor Society (front row) Kirstin Bulaznik, Elyse Holloway, Stephanie Banach, Tiffany Barth, Melissa Victor, Soumya Gupta (second row) Rohini Chatterjee, Shubha Pat, Katie Watterson, Salwa Ahmed, Ashley Cook, Roli Mandhana (third row) Brett Anderson, Christa Bieda, Kim Hassie, Julie Fengold, Danielle Blair, Heather Phappo, Jessica Conger (fourth row) Tamiko Toyama, Andrea Coulis, Emily Clark, Stefanie Krasic, Jennifer Conley, Lindsay Weiss (back row) Gina Stoffregen, Kim Dooley, Billy Stuart, Andrew Bilse, Katharine Hamilton, Amanda Kilbardo, Angela Banas



Orchestra (front row) Elissa Moll, Sarah Mihich, Allison Newman, Kristen Pulley, Julie Hawkins, Melissa Webber, Allison DeGeorge, Martha Mihich, Stephanie Bugyis (second row) Lovelyn Pastarana, Tieg Alexander, Elyse Holloway, Paul Bainbridge, Allison Pilaski, Courtney Howle, Angela Hehn, Mary Sandrick, Chan Hovyn, Kate Lee, Bridget Parker (third row) Ariane Rodriguez, Lindy Sebesten, George Saman, Adam Mayer, Adam Cooper, Bennet Cervin, Suzy Acosta, Desiree Cossyleon (fourth row) Poja Khatwada, Justine Van Dyke, Cecilia Huang, Clare McCullough, Daya Devanathan, Erin McNelly, Adam Salberg, Jonathan Alexander, Matt Jones, Jessica Beezhold, Ali McKenna (back row) Kim Hawkins, James Witz, Federico Olasobikin, Jennifer Peng, Tyler Drabentst, Tanner Olio, Joe Kasenga, Mark Webster



Paragon (front row) Ashley Cook, Katie Taylor, Lizzie Browder, Gina Stoffregen, Kaitlin Bandura (back row) Miss Myra Dotson, Liz Vascenda, Jessica Garcia, Jared Koessler, Veronica Delgado, Mrs. Nancy Hastings



Project X (front row) Holly Brown, Mimi Grozdanic, Nicolette Coduti, Megan McKechnie, Justin Newman, Ashley Moore, Julie Zivich, Amanda Hoffman (second row) Kim Wiers, Andrew Johnson, Paulina Kozupa, Kristy Anderson, Rachel Heinrich, Lisa Sobilo, Ankur Dedania, Tony Paz (third row) Lisa Weichman, Elena Falloon, Katelyn Lacle, Lauren Meneghetti, Jennifer DiCostanzo, Stefanie Dolman, Alexandra Pavlovich (back row) Joey Domenico, Blake Williams, Jeff Chou, Ben Varnum, Zach Perlinski, Ryan Gott, Alaina Trgovich, Kate Varnum

NHS

President
Brandon Chynoweth

Vice President
Matt Westerlund

Participants
60

Sponsor
Miss Valerie Pflum

It's what they do
"The most unique thing we did was host a dance for the elderly at Hartfield Village on Valentines Day. Our biggest accomplishment was that we tutored over 150 students."

Miss Pflum

Orchestra

President
Desiree Cossyleon

Vice President
Elyse Holloway

Participants
60

Sponsor
Mrs. Jill Cooke

It's what they do
"To celebrate Mozart's birthday we had a Mozart-themed concert. Mike Kropasiek dressed up as Mozart and shared things about himself. Mr. Karl Linden, [former Orchestra director], played a violin concerto."

Mrs. Cooke

Paragon

Editor-in-Chief
Lizzie Browder

Copy Editor
Katie Taylor

Photography Editor
Jesseca Garza

Participants
3 writers
4 photographers

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It's what they do
"The staff was really close because there were so few people and we spent a lot of time together in the Journalism room. We were like a family. Paragon was like having a job, but you didn't get paid."

Katie Taylor
junior

Project X

President
Katie Stout
Vice President
Jessica Beezhold
Participants
45

Sponsor
Mrs. Darlene Acosta

It's what they do
"Everything we did was important, but I thought our Pennies for Patients was most important, donating \$2,500 to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Everything we did or earned benefitted or helped somebody."

Mrs. Acosta



Project X (front row) Shobha Pai, Katie Anderson, Britney Breger, Gina Stoffregen, Angela Banas, Emily Clark, Marissa Sylvester, Ashley Canan (second row) Ashley Lait, Kerann Ballanco, Leah Koszowski, Annie Marinakos, Brendan Georgas, Eunice Ntiamoah, Kaitlin Hines, Morgan Midkiff (third row) Angelique Mercier, Lazarick Whitlock, Justine Van Dyke, Kara Spurlock, Katie Hamilton, Casey Jedrejczak, Sarah Johnson, Jessi- ca Cuadra (back row) Jessica Beezhold, Clare McCullough, Michele Zes- ner, Stephanie Banach, Ashley Boyan, Erin McIntyre, Amy Fuhs, Melissa Kirinic, Golnoosh Kamali



Project X (front row) Mary Webber, Elissa Moll, Stephanie Bugvis, Rina Siddiqui, Sarah Wachala, Dulani Dave (second row) Allison DeBolt, Nata- lie Moya, Carly Gibbs, Katie Hluska, Gabii Corneo, Sameera Raziuddin (third row) Emily Yaeger, Colleen Resler, Andrea Dell'Aquila, Aisha Sid- diqui, Sarah Flick, Pooja Khatiwada, Farah Hussain (fourth row) Kaitlin Ritchie, Katie Lee, Heather Loden, Courtney Basile, Soumya Gupta, Katie Stout, Lauren Hudak (back row) Tammy Lee, Punam Tiwang, Kaitlin Ban- dara, Rachel McMahon, Ambika Rao, Shivani Patel



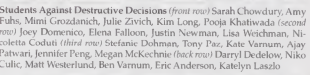
SADD

President
Cristina Vanko
Vice President
Eunice Ntiamoah
Participants
30

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Mrs. Darlene Acosta

It's what they do
"We used to stand against drunk driving, but we changed to destructive decisions. It gave us a broader spectrum. We stood for different issues like safe sex and drugs, on top of drinking."

Mrs. Acosta



Students Against Destructive Decisions (front row) Sarah Chowdury, Amy Fuhs, Mini Grodzanich, Julie Zivich, Kim Long, Pooja Khatiwada (second row) Joey Domenico, Elena Falloon, Justin Newman, Lisa Weichman, Ni- coletta Coduri (third row) Stefanie Dohman, Tony Paz, Kate Varnum, Julie Patwari, Jennifer Peng, Megan McKechnie (back row) Darryl Dedelow, Niko Culic, Matt Westerlund, Ben Varnum, Eric Anderson, Katelyn Laszlo



Students Against Destructive Decisions (front row) Amanda Porter, Lau- ren Hudak, Cristina Vanko, Alex Cohen, Soumya Gupta, Christina Ag- gerinos, Farah Hussain (second row) Madison Gallegos, Jackie Kovach, Angelique Mercier, Eunice Ntiamoah, Tatiana Bozovic, Ashley Canan, Golnoosh Kamali (back row) Kim Hasse, Tamiko Toyama, Gina Stoffre- gen, Danielle Blair, Morgan Midkiff, Aava Khatiwada, Kaitlin Hines



Senior Class Executive Council (front row) Lindsay Weiss, Brittany Lew- is, Amanda Kilbarda, Saba Ahmed, Stefanie Krasic (back row) Brandon Chynoweth, Michael McNicholas, Nick Stolarz, Gina Rebescio, Julie Bembenista, Katie Lissy



SPEAK easy Glancing at her notes Hannah Huebner, se- nior, reads her First Amendment speech in front of AP U.S. His- tory students to prepare for the We The People state competition. "Things I learned were applied to real life," Hannah said. "We the People made me more comfort- able in conversing with people."

HOT air Slowly releasing he- lium into the red balloon, Caleb Edens, sophomore, helps DECA with a fundraiser during the Homecoming Pep Rally. "I had fun learning about business mar- keting," Caleb said. "It was also raising money for a good cause."

Senior CEC

President
Gina Rebescio
Participants
11

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Mrs. Katie Harris

It's what they do
"Homecoming events were important be- cause they were an open invitation to help out your class."

Mr. Sokol

TAKEN PIECE BY PIECE

The clueless Paragon staff begins the mammoth task of producing a 208-page yearbook in early September. This process teaches the staff valuable time management lessons.

Frantically typing on a blue IMac, Editor-in-chief Lizzie Browder, junior, struggled to meet deadline after deadline hoping her spreads would be up to par.

After spending countless days in the journalism room, she became accustomed to the fast-paced atmosphere of "the Pub," as those who

frequent it call it affectionately.

Lizzie was one of three writer/editors on the Paragon staff, which at times could be hectic and stressful, but a "good" kind of stress.

"Once the yearbook was done, I knew the stress would go away and I would have something to be proud of," Lizzie said.

Whispering fell to a silence as the announcer's voice echoed through the massive auditorium that hosted Speech State.

With quivering hands and a racing heartbeat, Ruth Christopher, sophomore, anxiously waited on the stage of Warren Central High School to discover how she placed with Eunice Ntiamaoh, junior.

"I was trying to brace myself for

whatever happened," Ruth said. "I was unaware of anyone's voice except Eunice and the announcer."

Nerves calmed when Ruth and Eunice won second in State for Memorized Duo Interpretation.

"We practiced a lot," Ruth said. "So much that there were times when I would wake up with the lines from my piece running through my head."

COMIC IN THE house Focused on reading cartoon stories entered in the Art Show, Jacob Krismanick, junior, surveys the different pieces in the auditorium lobby. "I entered a drawing in pastel," Jacob said. "I like art and it made me feel productive."

TURN the tables Whipping the ball across the table, seniors Mike Harker and Lauren Gaskie play a match in the Commons. "I was in Ping Pong because it was a fun after-school activity," Mike said. Players competed in three levels, from beginner to advanced.



KNOWLEDGE LAUNCHED FORTH

While JETS members train on their own to ready for competition, Speech and Debate Team members practice with coaches to add the finishing touches for upcoming meets.

After working their fingers to the bone, Science Olympiad members competed against other Indiana students for the title of Best Investigative Scientist. The competitions became increasingly hectic as students ran all over the Purdue campus for their events.

"Science Olympiad allowed me to explore fields of science that I wouldn't have been able to venture into if I hadn't been on the team,"

Eric Anderson, sophomore, said.

Time management became a key tool that members learned to help keep them on task. Events were challenging, but the group had been working together for years making the competitive aspect less stressful, according to Eric.

"[The Team] allowed me to meet a lot of truly great people and learn better work and study habits," Eric said.

With the historic past of Washington D.C. surrounding them, excitement pulsed through the air for Sara Brown, senior, and the rest of We The People Team during the April national competition.

"We weren't as nervous as we were at State because this was one of the last times we would compete and we knew we were prepared with our material," Sara said.

Throughout the year, inside and outside the classroom, the team practiced and prepared for the competition that would put all their hard work to use.

"Government and the way our government works were always of interest to me," Sara said. "I wanted to become a more involved citizen and an active member of government and We The People."

IN GOOD time Sitting in Mr. Kent Lewis' business classroom, George Nieves, junior, takes a test for DECA. To practice for events, members took timed tests that were similar to what they would encounter in competition.

BOMBS away Concentrated on aiming his trebuchet, Jeff Chou, junior, prepares for Science Olympiad Regionals. "I joined Science Olympiad because it gave you experience with how things worked," Jeff said.



INTO place After a speech competition Russell Gonzalez, sophomore, checks his next round in the Commons. "Speech helped me with my communication skills," Russell said.

ON HER honor With a hand shake, Natalie Moya, junior, accepts a certificate for Honorable Mention in News Writing at the JEA Write-Outs competition in Chicago.



Sophomore Class Executive Council (front row) Judith Maddatu, Melissa Cappel, Michelle Ballard, Samantha Curtis (back row) Katie Anderson, Kathryn Helfen, Umbreen Khan, Jessica Hilbrich, Ariana Rodriguez



Spanish Club (front row) Lisa Weichman, Annie Pellicciotti, Madison Callegos, Sara Farooq, Dayanna Alvarado, Morgan Midleiff, Colleen Anderson, Thoebe Conner (second row) Samcetra Raziuddin, Sarah Posey, Farha Farooq, Lindy Hernandez, Natalie Banks, Veronica Delgado, Janelle Boudreau, Britney Breger (third row) Adam Salberg, Neil Doshi, Neal Shah, Kristina Kovacevich, Rizzie Fisher, Ankur Dedania, Kody Thompson (back row) Alex Welch, Antonio Cisneros, Bennet Cerven, Dan Crisman, Sidarth Dasari, Darryle Dedelow Jr., Eric Anderson, Kristy Anderson



Spanish Club (front row) Aisha Siddiqui, Judith Maddatu, Michelle Phillipsborn, Courtney Drobac, Stephanie Campana, Kalpana Patel, Alex Kouklakis (second row) Natasha Kanal, Tieg Alexander, Cristina Vanko, Stephen Ong, Tammy Lee, Melissa Cappel, Crystal Altieri (third row) Preti Kaur, Daniela Rodriguez, Brianne O'Conner, Lana Muhrez, Shivani Patel, Katie Anderson, Mariessa Marshall (back row) Kathryn Helfen, Amy Fuhs, Anitha Umapathy, Mimi Grodzanich, Jess Edwardsen, Sarah Johnson, Ruth Christopher, Aava Khativada



Speech and Debate (front row) Emily Lyness, Elena Fallow, Sonja Vasic, Vanessa Jackson, Lazarick Whitlock, Lisa Weichman, Eunice Ntiamosh (second row) Umbreen Khan, Andrew Johnson, Russell Gonzalez, Hannah Huether, Alexandra Pavlovich, Sara Calante, Megan Huska, Julianne Watterson (third row) Akash Rusia, Chris Witter, Joel Schneider, Scott Goodwin, Michael Konopsek, Charlie Krull, Robin Jiang (back row) Gabe Harangody, Matt Tepperman, Ravi Shah, Ben Varnum, Zach Perlini, Adam Goodwin, Tom Ramos, Ajay Patwari



Speech and Debate (front row) Katie Huska, Lauren Hudak, Jessica Hilbrich, Eleanor Kennedy, Farha Farooq, Heather Phippe, Morgan Midleiff (second row) Sarah Johnson, Daya Devanathan, Doug Johnson, Casey Jedrzeczak, Desiree Cossyleon, Elyse Estez, Jacob Tepperman (third row) Tyler Schwartz, Sujay Jayakar, Ruth Christopher, Natalie Banks, Amy Fuhs, Katie Banks, Nithin Krishnan (back row) Enrique Gonzalez, Kenn O'Drobnak, Michael Hughes, Katelyn Laszlo, Amanda Kilbard, Ryan Blanchard, Tabitha Strong, Amanda Bacoyanis

Sophomore CEC

President
Pat Behrens

Vice President
Sam Curtis

Participants
10

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Miss Jennifer Bulla

It's what they do

"We sold the Mustang spirit shirts. It was a fundraiser which was pretty successful. It helped to offset the cost of next year's prom."

Mr. Lehnerer

Spanish Club

President
Antonio Cisneros

Vice President
Cristina Vanko

Participants
110

Sponsor

Miss Jennifer Luksich

It's what they do

"We did some museum and restaurant runs in the city. We went to this beautiful photography exhibit on Flamenco dancers and they played Flamenco music. Then we went to Café Iberico for a Spanish feast."

Miss Luksich

Speech and Debate

President
Shoba Pai

Vice President
Saba Ahmed

Participants
150

Head coach

Mrs. Helen Engstrom

It's what they do

"Both Speech and Debate Teams placed second in their respective tournaments. Indiana is a very competitive state, so it was a great accomplishment to place so high."

Miss Jennifer Bulla,
coach



Speech and Debate (*front row*) Lovelyn Pastrana, Mallory McShane, Stephen Ong, Arfin Chowdhury, Danny Alexander, Alison Bergmann, Meagan Yodment (*second row*) Timothy Yee, Rohini Chatterjee, Allison Medina, Shobha Pai, Roli Mandhana, Risa Hurwich, Natasha Kanai, Nicole Hong (*third row*) Natalie Moja, Stefano Krasic, Kathryn Wadas, Saba Ahmed, Samantha Skrobot, Brett Anderson, Cristina Vanko (*back row*) Jessica Koetteritz, Jessica Conger, Parum Tiwana, Chris Kennelly, Alex Avtigis, Austin Piech, Alicia Nieves, Sara Farooq



Speech and Debate (*front row*) Abhinav, Ravi, Anisha Rastogi, Suchita Rastogi, Myrtil Christianame, Elissa Mott, Mike Padnos (*second row*) Val Carrillo, Molly White, Kristina Keith, Sara Mihic, Judith Maddatu, Faridah Hussain (*third row*) Sarah Chowdhury, Olivia Yates, Aisha Siddiqui, Ashley Eiland, Carly Gibbs (*back row*) Sourmya Gupta, Lana Muhon, Sameera Raziuddin, Fatima Husain, Chan Huynh

Student Government

President
Tamiko Toyama

Vice President
Jeff Marinier

Participants
32

Sponsors
Miss Sarah Szarmach
Miss Twia Marsh

It's what they do

"We sponsored student activities including the Homecoming Dance, two pep rallies, and Battle of the Bands."

Miss Szarmach



Student Government (*front row*) Hilary Grunewald, Emily Clark, Alexa Harris, Tamiko Toyama, Shobha Pai, Danny Alexander, Andrea Coulis, Rose McKeon (*second row*) Danielle Blatz, Jordan Jantosek, Kim Long, Tess Edwardsen, Maureen Shields, Lauren Hudak, Emily Lyness, Kim Hase (*third row*) Katie Szafarz, Sujay Jayakar, Russell Gonzalez, Joey Domenici, James Burgwald, Megan McKechnie, Lizzy Stone, Grant Williams (*back row*) Libbie Thompson, Andrew Kaminski, Matt Westerland, Ben Varnum, Jeff Marinier, Nolan Sliko, Nick Stoffregen, Jordan Huckaby

Thespian Society

President
Heather Phipps

Participants
50

Sponsor
Mr. Larry Brechner

It's what they do

"The purpose of our club was to provide an honor society for theater students."

Mr. Brechner



Thespians (*front row*) Melissa Victor, Kurt Popovich, Saba Ahmed, Kim Dooley, Kate Taylor, Molly White, Kirstin Bularzik (*second row*) Danielle Troumoularis, Clare McCulloch, Jessica Conger, Joe Marciniak, Heather Phipps, Katie Franklin, Kathryn Wadas, Samantha Skrobot (*third row*) Amanda Bacoyanis, Mary Carp, Mike Hughes, Rachel Heinrich, Mike Graczyk, Sharon Lee, Iony Paz (*back row*) David Van Wieren, Joel Schneider, Ryan Blanchard, Matt Tepperman, Scott Goodwin, Michael Konopasek, John Mihic, Mark Webster

Women's Ensemble

Participants
30

Sponsor
Dr. Timothy Bartlett

It's what they do

"They performed A Ceremony of Carols by English composer Benjamin Britten. This was a very admired and difficult piece and they performed beautifully."

Dr. Bartlett



Women's Ensemble (*front row*) Anisha Rastogi, Mallory McShane, Emily Clark, Fatima Husain, Molly White, Clarissa Goscic, Suchita Rastogi (*second row*) Katie Watterson, Amanda Kilbarda, Katie Anderson, Linda Hernandez, Olivia Enger, Maureen Shields (*third row*) Olivia Yates, Natalie Banks, Lyndsey Hernandez, Melissa Hernandez, Heather Phipps, Jessica Conger, Saba Ahmed (*back row*) Elyse Estes, Sami Bonessa, Amanda Bacoyanis, Tabitha Strong, Kim Wiers, Kim Long, Jessica Peach, Nicole Raynor



LET THEM eat cake

Decked out in her Mardi Gras beads, Lisa Sobilo, senior, passes out cake at the French Club party. "There was a big emphasis on doing fun activities," Lisa said. "At the same time we got exposed to a different culture, mostly through food."

ON THE house

Hands lightly holding up the graham cracker walls of her gingerbread house, Jennifer Pang, sophomore, reads the sides for a tasty roll. German Clubs got together to create houses during the holiday season. "I was always interested in German culture," Jennifer said. "They [German Club] got to do a lot of stuff such as going to Chicago for the Christmas market, and making gingerbread houses."



ALL tied up With a pretzel dangling above her head, Meghan Ruich junior, grabs hold and take a bite. "I went to the All Club foreign language party with a lot of friends," Meghan said. "There was free food."

SERVING UP A TASTE OF LIFE

Empty halls lead to rooms full of students who taste sugary gingerbread houses and salty pretzels allowing language club members to experience minute glances into different cultures.

Broadcast on every station, news reports showed Louisiana citizens scrambling to find resources to use in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Families perched on roofs to escape the dangerous levels of toxic water, as looters attacked Wal-Marts to steal any undamaged valuables. The graphic footage seemed to be taken from a movie reel, when in reality, it was the headquarters of the highly celebrated Mardi Gras.

The damage left Louisiana 1,293 dead and thousands homeless.

However, six months after the tragedy, the Mardi Gras celebration continued in the wounded city.

French Club managed to set aside the horrid memories to hold their traditional party consisting of king cakes and Mardi Gras beads.

"I saw how important French culture was in America when it came to times like Mardi Gras," French Club officer, Theresa Kretz, senior, said. "The French were particularly upset by the destruction because it was apart of their culture in America."

As the first week of March rolled in, students and teachers celebrated Foreign Language Week. The week consisted of games and prizes as participants learned the educational aspects of the diverse cultures and languages.

Students took part in many activities that ranged from guessing how many *frijoles*, or beans, that a glass jar contained, to a Jeopardy game played by all language classes.

Winners earned Gummy bears in each round of Jeopardy. Contestants were challenged with cultural as well as basic language facts

about the four languages.

While only six to eight students participated in the actual rounds, the crowd attempted to cheer on their class, according to Walter McDonald, sophomore.

"It was fun watching them compete against each other and watching them have a good time on stage was great," Walter said.

PINNED down carefully placing a traditional German man, Cristina Vanko, junior, works with Alex Pavlovich, senior, to decorate for German Club's Oktoberfest. "It was fun because everybody helped and we got desert after," Cristina said.



WHERE WE LIVE

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This is **where we live**. Sitting in the **Northwest corner** of Indiana, we are only **26 miles** from downtown **Chicago**, but try explaining that to a stranger. At the mere mention of **Indiana**, they **assume** that we cow tip for fun and chew on hay while we watch our corn grow. In **reality**, we're a train ride away from the Magnificent Mile, and it's impossible to find a farm within the town limits. Nestled in one of the nation's largest industrial areas, we pose a contrast to this "**Region**" image. Munster itself boasts houses big and small for its 22,240 residents. It's like we live in a bubble with **Ridge Road** as the only **link** to the outside world. Inside our bubble, the community plays a big role. Whether it's seeing an **art show** at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts or filling up with **lemon-rice soup** at Commander, there's something for everyone. However, it's not just the **business** establishments that make up our town, but the **people**. Without these characters, Munster wouldn't have the same **reputation** it has. Because it's Munster, it's **where we live**.



"You're close to Chicago. It's small enough where you're not a complete outsider, but big enough so that if something happens, people forget the next day."

Allison Medina,
sophomore

"Pretty much everything in Munster is in walking distance from my house. Plus, Munster has a place where you can get ice cream and donuts in the same place."

Pat Beherens,
sophomore

"The people are nice and it's a really safe community. It's not that big, so everyone knows each other."

Mike Bizoukas,
junior

"We can enjoy the suburban life on the weekdays and the city life in Chicago on the weekends. We have the best of both worlds."

Pooja Kansai,
sophomore



PROUDLY MARCHING DOWN COLUMBIA, Abby Farkas and Tori Groka, seniors, lead the Band procession in the Homecoming parade. Unseasonably warm weather gave students a chance to experience a parade, unlike the past two years when rain forced the parade cancellation. "I had never been in the Homecoming parade before," Abby said. "It was fun and the weather was better than we could have asked for."



■ **EATING A SUNDAE,** Scott Rutkowski, senior, relaxes at Schoops' after reading his children's book to Frank Hammond students with his Creative Writing class. "Creative Writing gave me a chance to express my thoughts in new ways," Scott said. ■ **WITH THE AFRICAN DRUMMING** group behind her, Roz Veron, of ABC 7, broadcasts her School Days report from the fieldhouse on March 10. ■ **PATIENTLY KEEPING HER HEAD** in place, Hilary Grunswald, junior, gets an updo for Homecoming at Vanis.

more than a name

gina stoffregen

"Good Night, Moon"
to Shakespeare, finger
paints to photography.
You've grown up in the
blink of an eye, but to us
you'll always be our
Gina Bina.

Love, Mom, Dad,
Mike and Nick



john joseph wadas IV



You have chosen to be a
"star". We love you for who
you are. You have already
made a positive impact on
this world. You've made
wise choices. You are a
huge success. Follow your
dreams. Be happy. Know
that we're always here for
you.

Boiler up!

Love Mom and Dad,
Kathryn, Elizabeth,
and Michael

orchestra

Congratulations 2006 Orchestra seniors!

Thank you for your talent and your leadership.
We couldn't have done it without you!

From
The Munster Orchestra Boosters



Senior Orchestra members:

Front Row: Christia Bieda, Alyson Pilawski, Elyse Holloway
Second row: Joe Kasenga, Kristina Kovacevich, Suzanna Acosta,
Kim Hawkins, Mark Webster

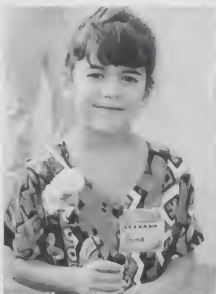
benjamin r. deboer

Time has flown. Seems like yesterday you started school and now you are graduating! Here's to a bright future! The sky is the limit!

Love,
Dad, Mom,
and Nick



gina rebesco



You make us so happy!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jim,
Ariana and Kaitlin

roli mandhana

Roli,

Congratulations!
Believe in yourself, the
future belongs to you.

Follow your dreams,
success will follow.

Love,
Mom, Dad
and Big Bro



Students spent
their 57 hours of
weekend freedom at
places around town

it's where we went

Good times

Southlake Mall
Plaza Lanes
Schererville Fun Center
Miller Beach
New Buffalo, MI
Showplace movie theaters

Where did you go for entertainment?

"I went to the bowling alley
frequently because it was an
escape from school and
wrestling; it was my hobby."

Eric McGill,
junior

"I would either go to one of the
movie theaters or to Hollywood
Video. Both were close and I
liked seeing movies."

Pat Howard,
sophomore

"With my group of friends we
found it more fun to just go to
someone's house and watch a
movie, talk, or walk around the
neighborhood. If we felt like it we
would maybe go see a movie or
eat somewhere."

Julianne Watterson,
sophomore

"Chicago—I was always there.
It was a lively place with great
shopping centers."

Melissa Victor,
senior

steve gorman

Congratulations and good luck.
We are proud of you.
Always remember to be productive!

Love,
Dad, Mom and Robert

amie johnson

Congratulations Amie!
We are very proud of you.
Follow your dreams and your future will be bright.
All our love goes with you always!

Love,
Mom and Dad



joe bridgman



All good wishes to you.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Andrew

christia bieda



Munster has the red
and white
Michigan the maize
and blue
We have no doubt your
choice was right
Continued Success
to you

We love you!!!
Mom, Dad,
Natalie and Kyle

stephanie banach

We are proud of all your accomplishments.
Wishing you success and happiness in all you do.

GOOD LUCK AT IU!

Love,
Dad, Mom
and Steven



senior band members



Senior Band Members (front row) Daphne Pantazis (second row) Dayanna Alvarado, Natalie Culp, Natalie Manchak (third row) Elyse Holloway, Aren Farkas, Stephanie Banach, Melissa Victor, Tori Sroka (fourth row) John Mihich, Ben Millbrath, Kelly Frank, Danielle Niemann, Deana Miskimins, Milena Janevski, Sharon Lee (back row) John Wadas, Kevin Trotman, Joe Kasenga, David Linnear, Ben DeBoer, Matt Lemus, Jason Carr, Anna Milles, Joey Zagorski, Mark Boeckman, Matt Tepperman, Tony Paz (not pictured) Sarah Grabarczyk

Congratulations To Our "WICKED" seniors!
 We thank you for a great year and
 wish you much success in the future!

MHS Band Backers

matt lemus

18 years come and gone so fast,
 You've accomplished many things in the
 past.

Your future holds great things in store,
 A chance to succeed beyond every door.

No matter where you go or what you do,
 Know that we're forever proud of you.

Congratulations Matt.

Love,
 Mom, Dad and Steph



melissa victor

With a blink of an eye
 You have grown to be
 a beautiful young
 woman.

Love,
 Mom and Dad

lauren drosos

Set your goals high and never compromise your values. It's a great big world out there—go out and make some memories!

We love you!
Dad, Mom,
Brennan and Marley



alyssa grace tremaine

Congratulations!

We could not love anything more

Mom, Dad and Adam



rohini chatterjee and roli mandhana



Together—
Preschool to high school.
Mexico to us.

Congratulations and good luck
at college, Rolini. Reach for
the stars—follow your dreams!

Chatterjee and Mandhana
families

elizabeth wible

Congratulations
and good luck at
Purdue!

Love, Mom,
Dad, Matt
and Adam

jennifer mcCreight



You have excelled in so many areas including academics, golf and art, but we are most proud of the wonderful young lady that you are... kind hearted, loving, and compassionate.

We love you, zuzuni!

Mom and Dad

sarah steele

We are so proud of you.
Follow your heart and live
your dreams. May joy and
success be yours always.

Congratulations.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Lindsey

**natalie culp**

As you close the door on one chapter of our life and begin another, we wish you happiness and success.

Love
Mom, Dad and Matt

Whether gathering at someone's house or meeting at a local hang out, students spend weekend time with friends

it's with friends
where
we went

Home sweet home

- Computer room
- Basement
- Backyard
- Kitchen

What was your favorite hang out?

"Home, it's just fun. Home has a rhythm and a beat that no other place has. In my house, just the arts, dance and music are held in high esteem."

Russell Gonzalez,
sophomore

"I just liked to hang out with my friends most. You could relax around them."

Chan Huyhn,
junior

"Any of the parks, especially when it was nice outside. I had a lot of energy so I just like running around with friends, and connecting with the kid side of me."

Katie Banks,
sophomore

"I didn't go to the movie theater because I thought it was ridiculous to pay \$7 for a two-hour movie. I preferred to go to my house—there was no admission."

Annie Seamen,
sophomore

more than a name

stephanie hoffman

Dr. Seuss says it best:
Oh, the places you'll go! there is fun to be done!
There are points to be scored, there are games to be won.
You have brains in your head,
You have feet in your shoes
You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.
You're off to Great Places, today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting, so... get on your way!

We're so proud of the person you have become,
Our Love and Pride will follow you always.
Mom, Dad, Amanda, David and Corbin



bobby romano

Bobby,
Yesterday you were a boy,
today you are a man.
Remember a man is only
as good as his word.
We love you and are
proud of you.
As you start your future,
roads are paved with gold.
Take time to stop, bend
down, and pick it up.

Love,
Mom and Dad

jordan sunderland



We are so proud of you!
You have grown so much!
Your future is bright!
Good Luck at Purdue!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jimmy,
Winston, Juliette
and Victoria

allison meggers

It seems like yesterday
that you were in pigtails.
You have brought more
joy to our family than you
will ever know. God Bless You
as you continue your journey.
We know you'll do great!

We love you!
Mom, Dad, Sarah
and Buddy



kim hawkins

Congratulations!
We're so proud of you.
We wish you happiness
and success.
Good Luck at Valpo.
The future is yours.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Julie
and Domino

**2005/2006 Munster Mustang Hockey Team
ISHSHA 2A 2nd Place**



(front row) Chad Van Deursen, Audbrey Murphy, Ryan Burke, Jason Schmelzer, Kyle Rice, Justin Smit (second row) Brian Good, Head Coach Rick Rubino, Josh Smit, Philip Bernardi, Brian O'Hara, Steve Adams, Corey Trimolt (back row) Dan Schlesinger, Anthony Alfonsi, Steve Kerber, Kevin Smith, Steve Johnson, Assistant Coach Bob DeGuard, Kurt Jorgensen, Assistant Coach Jim Schmelzer

2006 Seniors



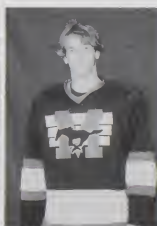
Ryan Burke- Captain



Anthony Alfonsi



Audbrey Murphy



Kevin Smith



Kurt Jorgensen

Thanks to all of our loyal fans!

A black and white photograph of a young child, possibly a toddler, sitting outdoors. The child is wearing a light-colored, short-sleeved dress or shirt and is smiling at the camera. Behind the child, a dog is partially visible, looking towards the camera. The background consists of dense foliage and trees.

Love,
Mom, Dad
and Derek

seniors seniors **SENIOR SALUTE** se



We love you,
Mom, Dad
and Melissa

Seniors seniors seniors SENIOR SALUTE seniors

We love you,
Mom, Tata
and Miles



Seniors seniors seniors SENIOR SALUTE se



Lauren, Dad is looking down on you in amazement of the beautiful, kind and loving young woman you have become.

We are so proud of you.
Love, Mom and Matt

elyse van camp

The only things that surpass your talent and grace is your inner and outward beauty. Our family is so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. May God continue to bless you now and forever.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Mike and Greg



brittany lewis



Dearest Brittany,
You are a shining example of what a daughter can be—love and laughter, beautiful and good, honest and principled, determined and independent, sensitive and intelligent.

You are a shining example of what every parent wishes their daughter was and we are so very proud of you!

Congrats and good luck at Valpo!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Billy
and Bradley

anthony alfonsi

Congratulations, you did it! We've been blessed and so proud of you. All things are possible with God. Follow your heart and passions and you will succeed. Good luck to a bright future.

Love,
Your Mom, Dad, Daniel,
Marcus and Alanna

After prom parties to celebrating birthdays, students visit restaurants around the area for special occasions

it's where we went

Around Town

Giovanni's
Cafe Fondue
House of Kobe
Red Lobster

Magnificent Mile

Bucca di Beppo
The Cheesecake Factory
Grand Lux Cafe
The Melting Pot
P.F. Chang's

Where did you go to celebrate special occasions?

"My family will go out to eat at a restaurant, sometimes just for the fun of it. We go to Olive Garden, T.G.I. Fridays, usually the generic stuff. Ultimately it doesn't matter where you went, it was who you are with."

Faridah Hossain,
sophomore

"I liked the House of Kobe. They had really fresh and good sushi, for a good price. We knew the boss, so he gave us a discount."

Nicole Hong,
sophomore

"People came to my house for holidays, like Christmas. It was fun because you could talk with your family and everyone brought different food dishes."

Ryan Shimala,
sophomore

jennifer julia conley



As parents, we look back and cherish your first smile, your first soccer game, your first dance. As parents, we look ahead and ponder your first day in college, your first job interview, your first home. As parents, we look at you and are filled with pride and joy and wonderment. We hope you know you can do anything you put your mind to. We hope you know how grateful we are to have you as a daughter.

Love you,
Jen, Mom and Dad

michael lebeau



Here is our little blue eyed boy who makes us laugh and smile, to our young man who has made us very proud!

Congratulations LeBizzle

Love,
Mom, Dad and Steve

sarah standley

Sarah Standley,

The future is all yours! Best of luck at Columbia College. With your passion for writing, we know you will achieve great success. We couldn't be more proud of you.

All our love,
Mom, Dad,
Kris and Jack



elyse holloway

God made the world with towering trees, majestic mountains and restless seas. Then paused and said, it needs one more thing... someone to laugh and dance and sing. Elyse, keep making beautiful music! We are very proud of you!

Love, Dad, Mom and Ian

sarah grabarczyk



Sarah,

We love you very much! We are very proud of all your accomplishments and the person you have become. Our wish for you is a life filled with love, happiness, and success.

Love,
Dad, Mom and Stephanie

evan compton



Graduation is here, we can not believe it has come so fast! We know you are on the road to success. Remember, everything you want is possible. Enjoy life and work hard!

Love Julie and Dad!

kim hasse

Dear Kimmi,
Congratulations! We could not be more proud of the person that you are, and the many accomplishments that you have achieved.

May your future be as bright as your smile!
Have fun at Butler!

Love, Dad, Mom
and Billy

kaitlin bandura



It was only yesterday you began your first day of kindergarten at Frank Hammond. And in the blink of an eye, time passed and you're now on your way to college.

Your accomplishments have always exceeded expectations in everything you've set out to do. Always take this same drive and spirit with you all through life. And never lose faith. We wish you nothing but the best... because that is what you are. Good luck at Columbia College.

Mom, Dad, Corey and Taylor
Bandura

jenny andert



My daughter, my friend
wishing you everything
beautiful in life.

Congratulations

I love you,
Always and Forever
Mom

kelly frank

Aim high "Lyse"
you can do
anything!

Love,
Mom and Dad

ashley hack

It seems like only yesterday you were walking into Frank H. Hammond. Now today you're college bound and we couldn't be any prouder. Go capture those dreams. Good Luck!

Love, Dad, Mom
and Teddy

jen conley

Pilly Willy is so
silly, yet we're so
very proud of you!
Life is a highway,
but the more we
sing together the
happier we'll be.

Much love,
Lori, Jack
and Tom

jasmine pappas

Your future lies
ahead of you,
may all your
dreams come true.
Congratulations!

Love,
Mom and Dad

amanda kilibarda

Amanda~

Congratulations!
Think smart.
Work hard.

And remember how very
much you are loved!

You'll always be our
curly-haired, cuddly
little girl no matter what.

We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Tata,
Lea, Gogs



class of 2006

**Good Luck
to the
Class of
'06**

**Best wishes for
continued success**

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 Carolin Basile
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While most students ran out of the building Friday before Spring Break, our weary *Paragon* staff of three writers and their adviser Mrs. Nancy Hastings remained to finish a deadline that was nearing a week late.

The only way for the all girl staff to survive work nights that could go as late as 10:30 p.m., were dinner runs to Quiznos for toasted subs or salads, constant gossip, and the glare of Hits Radio to keep us connected to the outside world and pop culture.

With no returning members, we began planning the book in the early months of the year, but didn't start designing or building spreads until mid-January. Finishing the entire yearbook in a span of 16 weeks, we proved you can accomplish anything you put your mind to.

It took hours of dedication for all staff members, but most of all it was our ever present adviser, H, who guided us in all aspects of creating this yearbook.

We couldn't have completed the 208 page book without the help of some very special people.

Mrs. Linda Toyama aided us in tracking every student we had to interview, without one complaint. Mrs. Jan Riccio gave us stats and scores, while Mr. David Russell shot all the team photos for our sports spreads. Thanks also for the talent show culture photos. Our yearbook rep, Mrs. Lisa Keene, provided tasty treats, moral support, and always had a solution to our problems.

A special thanks goes to 5th and 6th hour Journalism 1 classes, for

help with club stories.

Paragon's Volume 41 was printed by Herfi Jones, 2525 Midpoint Dr., Edwardsville, KS 66111, with the aid of in-plant Customer Service Advisor Lisa Merino. With a press run of 1,050, the book featured 100 lb. Bordeaux paper. Early orders of the yearbook cost \$42, while late May pushed prices to \$50.

The book features a staff created four-color litho cover with dull lamination and UV lamination over photos, using inspiration from a Honda advertisement.

The yearbook featured headlines using Helvetica Neue and Helvetica families. Original designs were inspired by magazine spreads compiled for a Creativity Book assignment.

All pages were submitted on cd, using Adobe InDesign CS2 and Adobe Photoshop. Our staff photographers shot, processed and printed approximately 40 percent of the photos with black and white Kodak TMAX 400. A large percentage of the photos were shot with digital cameras with Gina using the Publications Department's Nikon D70, while Veronica and Kaitlin used their Nikon D50s. Haltermann/Root Photography Studios in Ottawa, IL, shot all underclassman and senior portraits, as well as club group shots.

The 2005 *Paragon* "Wow.....more than a word, a slice of life" was named a National Scholastic Press Association Pacemaker, Indiana High School Press Association Hoosier Star, and earned 4th in Best of Show at the JEA/NSPA Fall National Convention in Chicago.

valedictorian no. one singles player nhs inductee lifeguard

■ **CAUGHT IN THE MOMENT** of celebration the Boys' Baseball Team raises their hands as Mike Sealy (10), senior, prepares to lift Alex Blise (2), senior. ■ **RAISED LETTERS IN HAND** classes watch as Justo Llamas, Venezuelan singer, performs in the auditorium. ■ **SHAKING HIS FIST MENACINGLY** during Music Man dress rehearsal, Ryan Blanchard, senior, defends his music theory. ■ **COOPED IN THE CORNER** of class Mike McNicholas and Jennifer Conley, seniors, read the second issue of *Crier*.



"It shaped me into a more outgoing person because of all the activities I was involved in. All the people, in general, had a positive attitude on things so it affected me and changed my outlook."

Ashley Boyan, senior

"It made me a better and more hard working person in studying and running. I am more confident about myself and feel more accomplished when I do well."

Blake Williams, sophomore





graduate **LIVED IT LOVED IT** short stop sun worshiper scholar

As days grow longer and temperatures soar to the **low 90s**, an internal alarm goes off, reminding us that **June 2** quickly approaches. We complain about **power point presentations** in Anatomy, yet we love the fact that we have a chance for higher education, as seniors earn more than **\$4.8 million** in scholarship money on **Awards Night**. While we count down the final days, we have mixed feelings as Mr. Hal Coppage and Mrs. Linda Haynes give their final good-byes with over **69 combined** years of teaching experience. We celebrate the Girls' Tennis Team success on their road to **State Runner-Up**, but we're **disheartened** by the sudden death of English teacher Mrs. Jody Weiss. As most students **cram** for finals, seniors mentally **brace** themselves for a life on their own. Whether it's a love or hate relationship, each student lives **Munster**. For better or for worse, it has **affected** our skills, attitudes and minds.

"We are in a fairly safe environment and everyone has similar backgrounds. I found that I was more insecure when I wasn't inside of my little bubble."

Alyssa Larimer, junior

"It taught me to set goals in life by pushing me to do better and sharing examples of achievement and how life should be after high school."

Bobby Romano, senior

"It made me more outgoing and mature. When you're around a group of people that are hardworking and always pushing you it effects you in some way, good or bad."

Laura Panozzo, junior

WITH THE PHOTOGRAPHER'S aid, Ashley Cook, senior, strikes a pose for a Homecoming picture with her boyfriend, Pat Augystn, junior, from Highland. "Pat and I made up a new pose for every dance," Ashley said.

We always say we're ready to **bust** out of this **beige-colored** box; but when it comes down to it, Munster leaves a **permanent** mark of who we **are**, what we **do**, and where we **live**. There's nothing in this world we can do to **change** that fact. We **are** Munster-**Branded for life**.

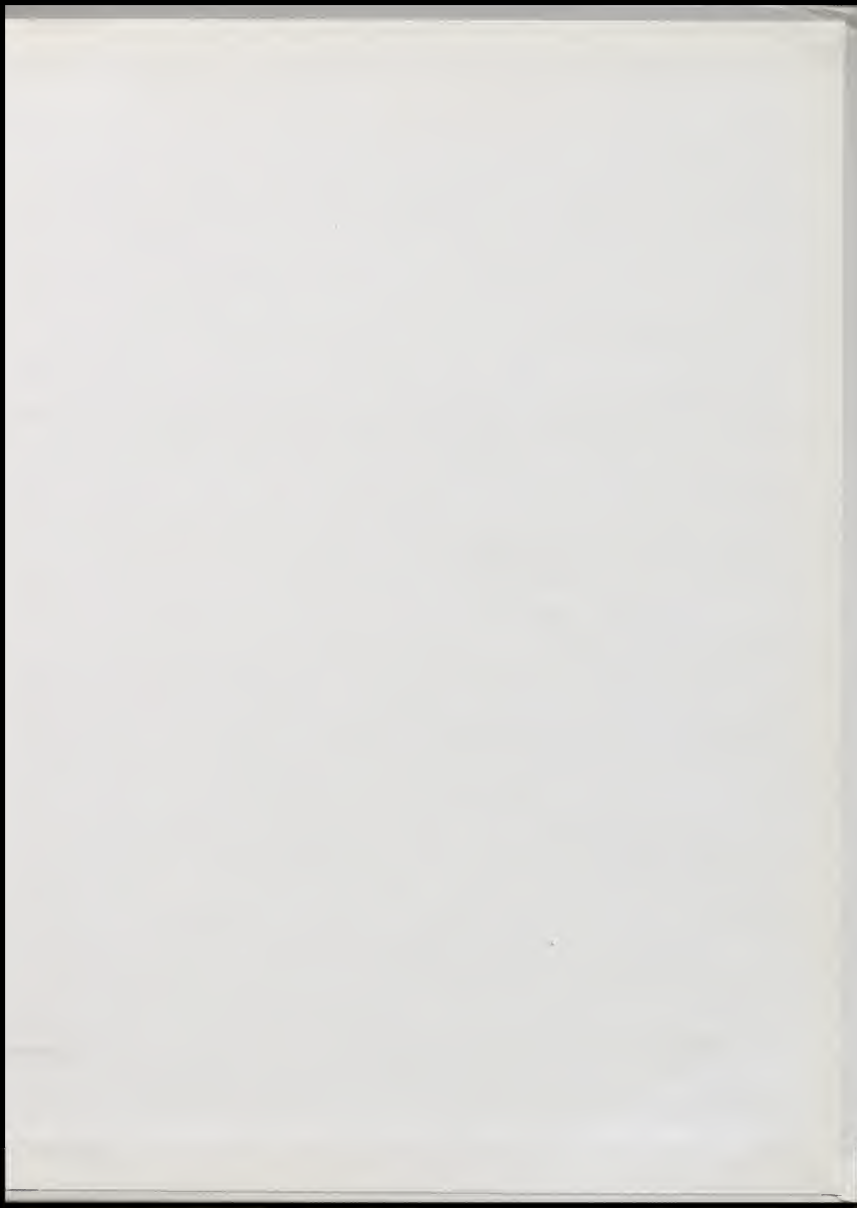


BUTTONING HIS SHIRT before going on stage for the Spring Musical, *The Music Man*, Kenn O'Drobinak, freshman, gets ready in the make up room back stage. Kenn played a train conductor in the May production.

■ **HANDS CLASPED IN CELEBRATION**, Team Mexico revels in their victory during the foreign language World Class Soccer Tournament.

■ **RECLINED ON A MOUND** of camping gear, Alex Andjelich, junior, waits to leave on a Project Bio expedition to the Dunes. ■ **AS THE NEEDLE PENETRATES** her skin, Jessica Osegueda, junior, winces in anticipation while donating blood for the Student Government Blood Drive.





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